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Economic Gauge Falls Sharply in U.S.

Leading Indicators But Export Rise Off 1.7% in Month Is Aiding Industry

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The U.S. government's main forecasting gauge of economic activity plunged 1.7 percent in November, the biggest decline in more than six years, the Commerce Department said Wednesday.

The drop in the Index of Leading Economic Indicators, the first setback since last January, primarily reflected a nosedive in stock prices.

The index comprises II barometers of future business activity, and its longstanding trade deficit. is designed to predict economic ln the short run, this shift apconditions six to nine months pears to be the key to avoiding a away. The forecasting tool has taken on a new significance since the record Oct. 19 decline in stock prices, as economists try to determine whether the country is beaded

a 0.2 percent gain in each month. said that the index fell 0.2 percent hiring more factory workers. in October after being unchanged in September.

In another report, the department said that nationwide sales of new single-family houses fell 1.2 percent in November. But in a sharp upward revision, it said that new home sales actually rose 2.1 percent in October rather than falling 1.5 percent as previously re-

ported.
The November setback in the index of economic indicators was the largest since a 2.2 percent drop in September 1981, one of six declines in a row that year as the

nation fell into a recession.

Three consecutive monthly declines in the index often, but not always, have been a signal of an impending recession. The revised gains for September and October may allay fears that a recession could be imminent.

The 2.2 percent gain in October came despite the huge negative fac-tor of stock prices in that month's index. The weakness in shares continued in November, with the average price for the month of an issue in Standard & Poor's 500-stock index declining 12.5 percent after a

12.1 percent drop in October. In October, stock prices were one of only two indicators that were negative. In November, howwere negative. In November, however, seven of the available nine indicators declined.

In Romania, Food Lines

indicators declined. The fall in stock prices contrib-uted almost two-thirds of the 1.7 percent drop. The next-largest negative factor came from changes in business delivery times on orders.

That was followed by a slow-See INDEX, Page 13

Kiosk

2 Killers Freed In El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR (AP) -Two former guardsmen serving 30-year terms for the murders of two U.S. agricultural advisers and a Salvadoran official were freed under an amnesty law that is part of a Central American peace plan, a prison official said Wednesday.

The U.S. Embassy said it was appailed by the action, and the United States said it planned to review a 59 million aid program to improve El Salvador's judiciary. An official at Mariona Prison said the two former guardsmen. Jose Dimas Valle and Santiago Gómez González, were freed Dec. 19.



Alain Prost, who won his 29th Grand Prix race. was one of the veterans who flourished in 1987. A sports roundup of youth and age. Page 15.

GENERAL NEWS ■ Palestinian lawyers voted to boycott Israeli military trials of arrested protesters. Page 6.

BUSINESS/FINANCE ■ Grand Metropolitan opened a bidding war with Scagram for control of Martell, the cognac

Dow close: UP 23.21

The dollar in New York: DM £ Yen FF 1.5945 1.8595 123.35 5.3975

By Robert D. Hershey Jr.

New York Times Nerrice
WASHINGTON — The Ameriwashington— Incamen-can economy, king dominated by its free-spending consumers, is rap-idly being transformed into one whose growth depends heavily on

come clearly visible in recent months. In the long run, it is the mechanism by which the United States sooner or later will redress

monthly trade statistics suggest otherwise the United States has made significant progress, begin-

rate of 18 percent during the first nine months of 1987, and Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. estimates that the real net trade deficit will tumble by more than 27 percent in 1988, to \$95.3 billion, after falling nearly 10

environment through the early 1990s," asserted Mickey D. Levy. senior vice president at Fidelity Bank of Philadelphia. "It replaces the strong consumption and deteri-orating trade deficit pattern that prevailed from 1980 through

volume. This tally directly relates

pressed in depreciating current dol-lars, which hit a record \$17.6 bil-lion in October, is considered a poor indicator of trade flows.

See TRADE, Page 6

By Loren Jenkins

BUCHAREST - in the best of

times, this capital is a drab and

has slowed. Most of the 23 million

people have too little fuel to heat

their homes. Shortages of food add

and a heat wave last summer

fruit were only sporadically avail-

The nation is striving to eradi-cate its foreign debt in the next five

years. To underline its indepen-

dence, even of the International

Moneiary Fund, meat was exported to earn hard currency. House-

wives bought at market what could

child asked by his teacher to draw a pig. The child draws a head and

four pigs feet and nothing in be-

tween. When the teacher prompis

the child to fill in the rest of the animal, the youngster looks up and

says, "Oh, you want me to draw an

export pig. Westerners living in Romania

say that until the recent national

conference of the ruling Commu-

nist Party, called to assess strategy.

Romanians tell of the school

not be sold abroad.

ready inadequate. Vegetables and travel.

to other daily discomforts.

referred to as "doves" eggs."

is the worst of times.

Are Sign of Better Times

joyless place. And winter, when the ber. With the government of Presi-

city is wrapped in coal smog and its streets slick with blackening snow, en by anti-government riots last

Winter, for the Romanians in the Brasov, the party went all out to

past 10 years, has meant privation make sure public outrage did not

o other daily discomforts.

This winter, by all accounts, has

frisked and their baggage searched twice. The police and the national

been worse than ever. A drought militia were mobilized, patrolling

brought disaster to agriculture, al- levards that party notables would

able, grain supplies sparse and even potatoes so stunted that they were about the shortages, food suddenly appeared in the shops: tomatoes,

sprang up.

as their creaking Stalinist economy mar the meeting of party elite.

making goods for foreign markers. Economists say this shift has be-

Although the highly publicized

for another recession.

In positive news for the economy, the gauge was revised upward for September and October to show

1. The second safe is a second sec maintain. As a result, industrial The department previously had output is rising and companies are Export volume rose at an annua

> percent in 1987. "This represents a major trend that will dominate the economic

This improvement comes on both the export and import sides of the trade deficit as measured in

By contrast, the deficit as ex-

The Dollar: One Man's Poison Is Another's Meat foreign exchange markets.

Food destined for the starving in rebel-controlled areas of Eritrea Province in Ethiopia being loaded on camels for distribution. Separately,

the Ethiopian official in charge of supplying districts stricken by famine accused Britain and other Western nations of withholding aid to put

PARIS - Not everyone groans with despair each time the dollar in the New York investment manhits new lows, as it has most days in to economic activity: production the past week. Some people, including many Americans, are doing very nicely.

By Reginald Dale

Among the major beneficiaries are U.S. exporters, newly industrialized countries like Taiwan and The increasing robustness of the South Korea, buyers of oil and othtrade sector comes at the same time er commodities priced in dollars. tourists traveling to the United

the markets had so little food that

there were few food lines. There

was not enough to stand in line for.

month in the Transylvanian city of

Entry into the capital was rigidly

controlled. Passengers arriving at

Bucharest's unheated airport were

in greater numbers and lining bou-

To ease the population's anger

eeks, some apples, potatoes,

chunks of beef, sausages and lardy

bacon. Overnight, food lines

day when seeing a food line was

taken as a sign of economic im-provement," said a Western resi-

deni. "There are even reports of

people fighting for places."

Mr. Ceausescu, 69, a former cob-

bler who has strictly controlled Ro-

mania for 22 years, showed once

again that, for all of his continuing

praise of "scientific socialism," he had not lost his politician's grasp

The president received his great-est applause of the conference on the closing day. After a long disser-

tation on the world economic crisis.

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for bread-and-butter issues.

"I never thought I would see the

All that changed in mid-Decem-

States, and shrewd operators on It's been a boom year for speculators", said Howard Kurz, partner

Food Shipment for Eritreans Under Way

The U.S. currency steadied after concerted intervention by central banks. Page 13.

agement firm of Buchen, Kurz & Co. He confesses to having done pretty well out of the dollar's pre-

number of major banks are beplaying the markets, but the opportunities for those who do it banks are often reluctant to admit it: They do not fike their customers president.

to think that they take undue risks. lion for this year, thanks to its per- agreed to sell.

Others are less forthcoming. For-eign exchange departments of a the start of the dollar's latest fall. number of major banks are believed to have made a lot of money rencies, "market volatility presents and repeat the operation.

"If you have \$10 million worth of

pressure on the Marxist government in Addis Ababa. Kassa Kebede, visiting London, also called Western aid deliveries "too little and too late." He said "millions of pounds of development aid have been withheld since the Ethiopian revolution." Britain rejected the charges.

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Bankers Trust has just revised its

When the dollar is falling, exwould be surprised what's in the
left." Mr. Kurz said. "Nobody
lars forward, for delivery at a fuwants to be caught as the last selfestimated profit upward by beture date. By then, it will cost them ing the dollar, but you mustn't tween \$100 million and \$225 milless to procure the dollars they've mind losing 5 percent when the

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well," said Tom Parisi, a senior vice transactions, and make 4 to 5 percent every couple of months, you

Others, like Mr. Kurz, keep using market turns if you've already made 60 percent on the downside." American exporters can sell their products at lower prices in most najor foreign currencies, particularly in Europe and Japan, and still earn the same amount of dollars. "All of us who buy American products benefit, because they are much ebeaper," said Richard O'Brien, chief economist at American Ex-

press Bank in London. He pointed out, however, that a number of U.S. companies were still charging the same price in foreign currencies and taking a bigger profit in dollars - particularly if they were not sure that they would increase their sales by lowering lo-

Mr. O'Brien dislikes the word 'speculators" to describe those who have profited from the dollar's tribulations by playing the markets. In present circumstances, "hanging on to dollars is just as speculative as doing something with them," he said.

Less developed countries with See PROFIT, Page 13

Kabul Says Siege Is Broken

But Guerrillas Deny Convoy Has Reached Khost

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The Afghan government said Wednes-day that the first supply convoy had arrived in the eastern town of Khost after a rebel siege was broken in one of the largest battles of

Afghan rebels denied the report and Western diplomats tracking the battle from India said they were

the battle from India and they were skeptical of a Soviet claim Tuesday that the siege had been broken.

The official Kabul Radio said a convoy of 155 vehicles carrying 1,200 tons of food and consumer goods had arrived in Gardez, capital of Pakhtia Province. The radio said another convoy of 150 vehicles with 1,600 tons of supplies left Gar-dez on Wednesday for Khost.

The radio said Khost residents danced in the streets and showered flowers on the arriving convoy. It said government and private vehicles were now moving normally on the 80-mile (130-kilometer) Gar-

dez-Khost road.
Sayed Bahauddin Majrooh, director of the Afghan Information
Center in the Pakistani city of Peshawar, near the eastern Afghan border where heavy fighting has been reported, said, "The Soviet-Kabul troops are still about 50 kilometers from Khost garrison.

The Gardez-Khost road is a dirt trail that Afghan rebels have rid-dled with hundreds of mines, Mr. Majrooh said. In the best of times, he said, especially for mechanized transportation, the road is very dif-

ficult to transverse. Mr. Majrooh said the pro-gov-ernment force had made some ad-vances and were fighting a pitched battle near Sarana, about 35 miles

from Khost Independent verification of the

fighting was not possible.

The offensive is one of the largest since Soviet troops intervened to Afghanistan eight year age. Many ground troops are involved in the battle because the rebels have blunted Soviet and Afghan air power by using U.S.- and Britishmade anti-aircraft missiles.

The Soviet press agency Tass. reporting from Kabul, said Wednesday that 2,000 rebels had been killed in the fighting.

Tass acknowledged for the first time that Soviet troops had been engaged in the battle. The Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, Gen-nadi I. Gerasimov, said Tuesday that Soviet military was only in-

volved on a commander's level. The press agency said that 2,000 rebels had been killed in the fighting. No mention was made of any

losses by Soviet or Afghan troops. Tass said Wednesday from Moscow that military operations by Soviet-Afghan troops to break the Khost siege were "now practically

In New Delhi, a Western diplo-See AFGHAN, Page 6

Betwixt and Between: Still Strasbourg's Story

By James M. Markham New York Times Service

STRASBOURG, France — The city's monument to the dead is a ideal springboard for France's culmarble statue of a grieving mother lural and economic penetration of holding two fallen sons, one killed fighting for the Germans and the other for the French. To say the spoken just across the Rhine in spoken and the least spoken just across the Rhine in spoken just across the Rhine in capital of Alsace has an identity crisis is putting it mildly. ..

Strasbourg has been at the epi-center of French-German wars since Louis XIV annexed Alsace in the 17th century, but the question today is what role the city will play in the great French-German peace. It is one of the many contradictions of Alsace's blood-stained, topsyturvy history that the region is losing its German soul as France is trying to forge a strategic alliance with West Germany, including a joint military brigade.

Twenty years ago, the German-language edition of Dernières Nou-velles d'Alsace, the biggest newspa-per in the region, had a circulation of 80.000. Now it is 50,000 and tumbling companyed with 190,000 tumbling compared with 190,000 for the French-language edition. Another German-language paper

Twenty years ago all of Francois-Georges Dreyfus's 20 doctoral
candidates at the University of
Strasbourg could speak German;
today only three can. West Germans apply in hage numbers for
exchange scholarships to study in
Strasbourg, but there is an embarrassing shortage of French applicants to go to West Germany.

"There aren't 10 colonels in the

French Army who speak decent German," said Mr. Dreyfus, a po-litical scientist. "When they make the Franco-German brigade, the common language of the French

and German soldiers will be En-

By all rights, Alsace should be an spoken just across the Rhine in Baden-Wirttemberg, and its peo-ple preserve German habits of orderliness and punctuality, and even hoary laws on hunting and shop

The medieval city of Strasbourg, with its intact half-timbered buildings and stately avenues, is a poi-gnant architectural evocation of what cities across Germany might be like if not for Hitler's war.

Yet the dialect, like the knowl-edge of German, is being lost. In 1922, after France reclaimed Alsace from a defeated Germany, more than 90 percent of the population spoke Alsatian. Now a little more than half of Alsace's 1.6 million citizens say they understand and speak it.

The Nazi occupation of Alsace in 1940 did more to hasten the region's emotional integration into France than three centuries of French rule. The Nazis tried to

"There aren't 10 colonels in the accepting the new postwar Franco-German" said Mr. Dreyfus, a poMarie Caro, a national legislator, who recalled that Alsatians

scrawled anti-German graffiti on See ALSACE, Page 6



Von York Times Service
TOKYO — Japan, always a bit self-conscious about its size, took a giant step this week to keep irself from shrinking.

With an initial S75 million budget outlay approved the other day, the government hopes to prevent an insignificant dot of a Pacific island, 1.300 miles (2.100 kilometers) southwest of Tokyo, from being swallowed

Actually, to call Okinotorishima an island is somewhat akin to describing a rowboat as a vessel — true but overstated. This island has eroded so badly over the years that it now consists of two barren rocks, neither of them much bigger at high tide than a king-size bed,

But Okinotorishima, which means Offshore Bird Island, happens to be Japan's southernmost point. And if it disappears beneath the sullen Pacific, as it is almost certain to do unless remedial action is taken, Japan will lose exclusive fishing and mineral rights to 163,000 square miles (about 422,000 square kilometers) of ocean.

That, as Japanese officials are painfully aware, is an area bigger than Japan itself. Without Okinotorishima, Japan's exclusive economic zone, which extends 200 nautical miles in all directions from its coasiline, would be pushed far back — to either Min-ami Iwo Jima, an island nearly 400 miles to the northeast, or to Oki Daitojima, another island about the same distance to the north-

"Our mission is to conserve Japanese territory," said Masashi Waki, a civil engineer who will oversee the island rescue project for the Construction Ministry,

What Mr. Waki and his colleagues plan to do is to encase Okinotorishima's protruding rocks in large steel-and-concrete blocks that can absorb waves and thereby keep the Japanese outpost above water. The process is not

rooth, only this job is expected to take three years and cost up to \$240 million. Okinotorishima is a coral island, never

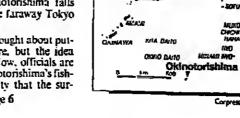
HORNS OF PLENTY - Blowing several of his own horns at once is Emelito Llanes,

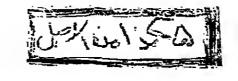
one of many vendors selling New Year noisemakers on Wednesday to Manila residents.

inhabited, known on some maps as Douglas Reef or Parece Vela. Japan claimed it in 1931, lost it to the

United States in 1945 at the end of World War II, then regained it in 1968 when the Americans returned the Bonin Islands, 500 miles to the northeast. Anomalously, like many minuscute Japanese islands studding the nonhern Pacific. Okinotorishima falls under the jurisdiction of the faraway Tokyo Metropolitan Government.

Many years ago. Japan thought about putting a weather station there, but the idea never got off the ground. Now, officials are more concerned about Okinotorishima's fishing rights and the possibility that the sur-See REEF, Page 6









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Wrenchingly, Argentina Tracks Down Orphans of 'Dirty War'

Very York Times Service
ASUNCION, Paraguay — According
Argentine court records, friends of Major Norberto Bianco and his wife. Susana, vividly recall the couple's delight when, unable to have children of their own, they adopted a baby girl and then a baby boy in the mid-1970s.

The babies, Carolina and Pablo, grew into bright and healthy children, with Carolina, now 11, the sensitive one, and Pablo, 10. the mischievous younger brother. By some accounts, they knew they were adopted. By all accounts, they were lovingly cared for by their parents.

The court records also show, however, that the children were not adopted but rather were kidnapped at birth from imprisoned mothers who subsequently disappeared and were presumed murdered in the Argentine military regime's so-called dirty war against guerrillas and

And after democracy returned to Argentina in 1983, a nationwide search for the children of the disappeared finally led to the Biancos. In April 1986, a Buenos Aires court ordered blood tests to verify

Since then, the Bianco case has turned into one of the most difficult and wrenching of the many custody battles involving orphans of the dirty war. The children seem eager to remain with their adoptive parents, while Argentina has applied great diplomatic pressure on Paraguay to extradite the Biancos.

The case also has become caught in an ideological dispute. President Raúl Alfonsin makes little effort to disguise his disapproval of Paraguay's 33 years of dictatorship, while the Paraguayan re-gime boasts of its identity with the out-

Claiming to be a victim of political persecution. Major Bianco therefore had reason to feel shielded by Paraguay's strong anti-communism. During the dirty war, he worked as a doctor in a military hospital, and although he was not among the hundreds of officers ac-cused of buman rights violations, he de-fends the army's behavior, which left

"lt's one thing to analyze what hap-pened 10 years later," he said in the small

house he rents in Asunción. "It's another thing to have lived through it. Everyone in the armed forces participated in the missioner general of the Paraguayan pomissioner general of th war. Those officers who now want to bathe in the Ganges and say they are clean are cowards and traitors."
Almost coincidentally with the Biances, a deputy police chief, Samuel Miara,

They are our parents. The only thing

we want is not to be

separated from them.

--- Pablo Bianco, child in a custody dispute missioner general of the Paraguayan po-lice. Carlos Schreiber, showed up and ordered the judges to leave. The Para-guayan judge withdrew entirely from the

A few weeks later, after Major Bianco and his wife were arrested and taken to separate men's and women's prisons to await extradition, it was the turo of Gen-eral Tito Velilla, then the bead of military health, to step in on the couple's behalf. He went to the two prisons and demand-ed successfully that the Biancos be freed.

With the two couples confined to their homes, the diplomatic battle over the children escalated. Paraguay's chief pros-ecutor. Clotildo Jimenez Benitez, public-ly opposed extradition, arguing that the Argentine court system was now riddled with leftists. Infuriated. Argentina recalled its ambassador in protest.

On Dec. 11, Paraguay bent to the pressure and a judge approved extradition of the Biancos.

Since then, while the Miaras remain ensconced in their bome nervously awaiting their day in court, the Biancos bave taken their case to Paraguayan public opinion and, indirectly, to President Al-fredo Stroessner by allowing Carolina and Pablo to be interviewed on television and in newspapers.

"They are our parents," Pablo said in one broadcast. "The only thing we want is not to be separated from them. Wherever I am and whomever I'm with, I'll escape to be with them.

By now, however, the Bianco children appear to bave been reduced to extras in a larger drama. It is rumored that Mr.
Alfonsin will attend the inauguration of a bridge linking Argentina and Paraguay early next year only if the extraditions have gone ahead. And it is known that General Stroessner is anxious to be seen publicly with Mr. Alfonsin.

The exact number of children of mothers who disappeared during the dirty war is not known, but there are believed to be several dozen. One Argentine official fa-miliar with the issue said 46 sucb children had been identified by Argentine courts,

with 20 cases resolved. He said that in the cases that bad been settled, some children had been returned to blood relatives, but that in other cases the adoptive parents had been allowed to retain custody over the children, with blood relatives given visiting rights.

Tuesday that the next shuttle flight.

September, maybe October, and

nobody in their right mind is going

to launch just one or two months

before the election," Representa-

tive Lujan said oo television. "So

that really puts us out of business for 1988, and that's really devastat-

Mr. Lujan, the ranking Republi-

can on the House Science, Technol-

ogy and Space Committee, said the

panel has been disturbed that Mor-

ton Thiokol is the only company with a contract to build the shuttle

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An examination of the rocket af-

ter the two-minute test firing re-

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ing for the space program.

WORLD BRIEFS

6 More Blacks Die in Natal Province

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) — A 12-year-old boy was among six persons reported killed in Natal Province, where a rising wave of blackagainst-black violence has touched off a rare public quarrel between two top South African black leaders. About 260 blacks have been killed this

The struggle pits the conservative Inkatha movement of Zulus, led by Chief Mangosutbu Buthelezi, and a leftist coalition of anti-apartheid organizations, the United Democratic Front. On Tuesday, Chief Buthelezi hit out at Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu, whose ideology matches that of many followers of the front, although the archbishop is not a member. Chief Buthelezi had accused the archbishop of being linked with the "labyrinth of intrigue" that "sets out to perpetuate the violence he

On Wednesday, Archbishop Tutu said, "Chief Buthelezi appears to think that his leadership is enhanced by denigrating others." Inkatha and the United Democratic Front both oppose apartheid but are divided on the means to use to light the system of racial separation.

Yugoslav Party Expels 45 in Scandal

BELGRADE (AP) — All 45 members of the Communist Party committee in the Bosnian town of Velika Kladusa have been removed following Yugoslavia's biggest financial scandal since World War II, the newspaper Politika reported Wednesday.

The newspaper said the officials were removed Tuesday after a 15-hour meeting of the party organization in the town. Agrokomerc, the food company that circulated almost \$1 billion in uncovered promissory notes before the scandal was revealed in August, is based in Velika Kladusa.

Politika said the town's mayor, Slobodan Milikovic, also resigned
Tuesday after being reprimanded by the party. Almost all the town's
inhabitants were employed at Agrokomerc, which had a work force of 14,000 before the financial scandal surfaced.

Panama to Let 4 Newspapers Reopen

PANAMA CITY (AP) — A measure passed by the Panamanian legislature would allow four newspapers and two radio stations to reopen and grant amnesty to several dozen people arrested in political protests

earlier this year.

President Erie Arturo Delvalle indicated he will sign the bill, which was passed by the legislature on Tuesday. Mr. Delvalle closed the newspapers tle after the failure of a component zie component in a recent test fir- and the stations at the height of violent protests last summer against General Manuel Antonio Noriega, who is considered the power behind

the civilian government. It was not clear how quickly the newspapers and radio stations could reopen or when their property would be returned and whether it had been "If we're going to postpone from June, even if we postpone it just three months, that takes us into

Afghan Confirms Defection to Rebels

HONG KONG (Reuters) — The younger brother of General Najib. the Afghan leader, confirmed in an interview published Wednesday that he had defected to the guerrillas and said he was likely to seek asylum in

In the interview with the magazine Asiaweek, the younger brother. Sidiq, called his brother a charlatan and a "power-mad Nero unable totolerate people with different opinions." Asiaweek, a weekly based in Hong Kong, said it spoke with Mr. Sidiq, 36, last month in the Panjsher Valley of Afghanistan. He defected on Oct. 22.

Jamiat-i Islami, a guerrilla organization based in Pakistan, reported his defection in November, but Western diplomats in Islamanad said at the time that they were unable to confirm the report.

Strauss Sees More Trade With Soviets

MOSCOW (AP) - Franz Josef Strauss said Wednesday he expects greater cooperation in trade and arms control between West Germany. and the Soviet Union, but he doesn't foresee much political change for The announcement Tuesday of

> Mr. Strauss, the premier of the West German state of Bavaria, spokeafter three days of talks with the Soviet leader, Mikhail S. Gorbachev, Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze, and other Kremlin leaders. Mr. Strauss said Mr. Gorbachev called the visit a "sign of a new political-

> Mr. Strauss said he did not conceal from the Soviets his reservations. about the treaty signed Dec. 8 by Mr. Gorbachev and President Rimald: Reagan to scrap intermediate range nuclear missiles. "We did not hide" that the Washingtoo treaty does not increase our security," Mr. Strauss.

For the Record

The Turkish government of Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, formed after a. oational election victory by his Motherland Party last month, won a voteof confidence Wednesday from the single-house Parliament.

The Dutch police announced the arrests of two suspects in the kidnapping of Gerrit Jan Heijn, vice president of Ahold NV, the food retailer. The police said Mr. Heijn was now officially presumed dead.

Prime Minister Robert Mugabe was proclaimed Zimbabwe's first executive president on Wednesday at a five-minute session of the country's two houses of Parliament.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Greece put into force emergency measures on Wednesday to combatismog in Athens, including restrictions on traffic. Cars and taxis with numbers ending in even figures would be banned from the city center on Wednesday and those with numbers ending in odd numbers would bekept out on Thursday.

World airline traffic rose 13 percent this year with passenger flights for the first time passing the one billion mark, the International Air Transport Association said Wednesday. But prospects for next year are less-promising because of the fall of the U.S. dollar and stock market declines.

Italian airport ground workers will resume their strikes at airports next month after a truce over the holiday period. The strikes over contract disputes are due to start Jan. 8 with an eight-hour stoppage.

Arab and Israeli visitors helped to give Egypt a bumper year for tourism, and revenue should more than double to \$2 billion, the tourism and civil aviation minister, Fouad Sultan, said in Cairo.

The union representing pilots of Air Inter, the French domestic airline, said Wednesday that it would call off a scheduled New Year's Eve strike so that holiday travelers could reach their destinations.









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NOVELTIES AND

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UH ... SURE ...

their claim to be the natural parents of Carolina and Pablo. Instead, the 42-year-Transkei Has 2d Coup

By William Claiborne

In 3 Months

Washington Part Service
JOHANNESBURG -- The government of the tribal homeland of Transkei was overthrown in a military coup on Wednesday for the second time in three months.

The commander of the Transkei Defense Force, Major General Bantu Holomisa, said on the Transkei radio that he had removed Prime Minister Stella Sigcau, suspended the constitution and imposed martial law on the nation's three million residents be-

cause of government corruption. General Holomisa told the South African Broadcasting Corp. that Mrs. Signau was "on leave" and that be and a predominantly military junta would temporarily rule

Mrs. Sigcau had been in office since Oct, 6, two weeks after eight cabinet ministers were forced to resign at gunpoint during an army coup that in effect removed the previous prime minister, George Matanzima, amid allegations that be had accepted \$500,000 as a kick-

back oo a building cootract. Mr. Matanzima had left Transkei for South Africa, reportedly for medical care, before the Sept. 24

For years Transkei bas been torn by internal feuding between Mr. Matanzima and his brother, President Kaiser Matanzima, who earlier this year was banished to a remote part of the homeland after implicating his brother in corrup-

The oldest of four black "bomelands" declared independent by South Africa but not recognized by any other country. Transkei has increasingly become a symbol of the failure of Pretoria's homeland poliey, the cornerstone of anartheid's philosophy of separating blacks into tribal areas and giving them

their own governments. Although the South African government pumps about \$2 billion a year into the homelands, poverty is widespread, in contrast to the palatial housing for leaders and their relatives and lavish gambling casinos that cater to visiting whites.

Telephones in government offices went unanswered on Wednesday, and details of the coup were sketchy, but Transkei journalists reported that there was apparently no violence. The whereabouts of Mrs. Sigeau, 50, who had been minister of posts and telecommunications before being made prime minister, was not known.

General Holomisa said on the Transkei radio that martial law had been imposed "as a result of unavoidable circumstances." Transkei residents reached by

telephone said army vehicles with loudspeakers were patrolling the streets, announcing the coup.

Roadblocks were reported to have been erected by the army throughout the 18,000-square-mile (29,000-square-kilometer) enclave. situated on the Indian Ocean coast between the port cities of Durban and East London. The South Aincan state radio said all Transkei government employees had been

A telexed message from the radio station to the South African Press Association quoted General Holomisa as saying that Mrs. Sigcau had been removed for being "involved in the corruption and bribery which we are fighting and which was practiced by the former ministers that had recently been removed from their posts in an anticorruption purge.

For several months, the army chiefs bave waged a campaign against corruption in Transkei, which a special commission of inquiry recently concluded had cost the homeland about \$22 million.



old major fled with bis family to Para-

look and methods of the generals who ruled Argentina from 1976 to 1983.

more than 9,000 people killed or missing.

and his wife Alicia, along with 10-yearold twin boys. Gustavo and Martin, also sought refuge in Paraguay rather than undergo blood tests. And they ton soon had proof they would be safe in Para-In April, shortly after Argentine and Paraguayan judges arrived with police

U.S. Urged to Replace **Space Rocket Supplier**

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - NASA which had been planned for June, should look for another company would be delayed because of the to build rockets for the space shutof the shuttle's redesigned booster, ing. NASA officials said then that a member of the House of Repreit would be several days before they sentatives science committee said could determine how long the delay Wednesday.

Representative Manuel Lujan Republican of New Mexico. redicted the delay from the test failure of the Morton Thiokol rocket would cause the first manned space launch since the Chailenger disaster in January 1986 to be postponed until sometime after next

A top official of the National Acronautics and Space Administratioo said: "Clearly we have missed something in our design, or the eovirooment." However, a spokesman of the agency said the delay probably would only be sev-

missile near Brigham City, Utah. Five workers were killed in the fire, which a company eral weeks. The space agency announced spokesman said had erupted during the removal of casting equipment from a loaded motor. "We've been insisting that we have a second source, but NASA has been fighting that," he said. "Maybe now we can convince

U.S. Cardinal U.S. Supercollider Sites Narrowed to 8 Disputed on the 53-mile-long (85-kilometer-select a "preferred" site by July and sessment that the agency and the long) accelerator, it would be built a "final" site in January 1989, after rocket contractor had made a week

By Ari L Goldman

AIDS Policy

New York Times Service NEW YORK - The presideor of the U.S. Catbolic Conference instrument ever built. has insisted that the nation's Ropolicy paper that gave qualified support for teaching about con-doms in AIDS education pro-

The statement Tuesday by Arcbbishop John L. May of St. Louis, Missouri, challenged a report from the office of Cardinal John O'Connor of New York suggesting that the AIDS policy was being beld in abeyance and would be reviewed when all 300 bishops met in June. Cardinal O'Connor bas been a

strong opponent of the policy pa-per, which has divided the bishops. The conflicting statements by two influential Catholic leaders left the church's policy on acquired immune deficiency syndrome in con-

On Monday, Cardinal O'Connor's office made public excerpts from a letter to the bisbops from Archbishop May, dated Dec. 17. The excerpts were intended to support the cardinal's position.

In a 30-page document, the bishops wrote that, although Catholics day, were not permitted to use condoms. was appropriate to teach, even in Catholic schools, that the use of condoms helps prevent the spread of the disease. "Some people will not act as they can and should," the bishops reasoned.

On Monday. Cardinal O'Connor's office made public excerpts from a letter to the bishops from Archbishop May, dated Dec. 17.

The excerpts — and the conclusion that the cardinal's office drew from them - were reported Tuesday after Archbishop May's office declined to provide the full text.

A summary of the text, made public by Archbishop May, said that the AIDS policy was still in effect. In the letter, be wrote that the policy "is neither being withdrawn or temporarily set aside." He said it would be open to reconsideration by the bishops at the meeting in June only if the administrative board agreed to put it on

Cardinal O'Connor's chief spokesman, the Reverend Peter G. Finn, said he took full responsibility for a press release that suggested otherwise. "I regret any confusion I've caused." he said.



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AFTER MX EXPLOSION AND FIRE - After a fire, the charred frame is all that

remains of a Morton Thiokol Inc. building where work was done on a stage of the MX

WASHINGTON - The National Academy of Sciences has recommended sites in eight states as finalists in the competition for the \$4.4 billion superconducting' supercollider, a particle accelerator that would be the largest scientific

members of Congress. Senator Jessee Helms. Republican of North Carolina, and Senator Pbil strictions on research and educations of research and educations of the compounded by the budget restrictions on research and educations of research and educations of research and educations of the compounded by the budget restrictions on research and educations of research and educations of research and educations of the compounded by the budget restrictions on research and educations of the compounded by the budget restrictions on research and educations of the compounded by the budget restrictions on research and educations of the compounded by the budget restrictions on research and educations of the compounded by the budget restrictions on research and educations of the compounded by the budget restrictions on research and educations of the compounded by the budget restrictions on research and educations of the compounded by the budget restrictions of the compounded by the budget restrictions on research and educations of the compounded by the budget restrictions on research and educations of the compounded by the budget restrictions on research and educations of the compounded by the budget restrictions of the compounded by the compounded by the budget restrictions of the compounded by the compounded by the com Michigan, New York, North Carolina. Tennessee and Texas.

academy confirmed that it has recommended to the Department of Energy eight "best qualified sites"

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If Congress authorizes funds for The Department of Energy is to U.S. Quietly Expels 2 Chinese Diplomats

By Mary Thornton

WASHINGTON - Two Chifrom the United States after being detained last week by the Federal Bureau of Investigation because of suspected espionage, Reagan administration sources said Wednes-

The State Department said only that the two Chinese diplomats had been asked to leave, and refused to characterize the case as an espionage incident.
The men were detained early last

week after one of them, an assistant military attaché at the Chinese Embassy here, accepted what he believed were classified documents. the sources said. Because the two have diplomatic immunity, they could not be formally arrested or charged with espionage.

A State Department spokeswoman. Phyllis Oakley, said: "On Dec. 22, the Department of State asked the Chinese Embassy to arrange the departure from the Unit-ed States of two Chinese diplomats. The two individuals were engaged in activities incompatible with their diplomatic status. I understand that they have left the United

Mrs. Oakley said that the two were the first Chinese diplomats asked to leave the United States distornation relations were essince diplomatic relations were es-tablished with China in January 1979. But she said the incident had not damaged relations between the two countries.

She would not provide further details on the identities of the two hall S Gorbaches, men or on the activities they allegedly were involved in. Wu Zurong, a spokesman for the skew expulsion.

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Chinese Embassy, indicated that diplomats had recently returned to China, but he denied there was any nese diplomats have been expelled problem with the U.S. government. "I have no knowledge of this." Mr. Wu said. "We have two diplomats who left for China a few days ago after having finished their ten-

ure in the United States." He identified the two men as Hou Desheng an assistant military attache, and Zhang Weichu, the Chinese consul in Chicago.

Asked about the condition of U.S.-Chinese relations after the incident, Mrs. Oakley said: "The same as they were. There is no change in the relationship.

Administration sources said Wednesday that details of the case were being closely guarded because the State Department is anxious DOONESBURY not to damage improving relations between the two countries. But Mrs. Oakley said the United States was not trying to minimize

"In no way are we trying to downplay it," she said, "When such a case arises, we deal with it promptly in accordance with established procedures." The Chinese detentions come just after the Dec. 17 detention by the Federal Bureau of Investigation

the incident.

expelled. That incident was also treated delicately because it came just a week efter President Ronald Reagan's summit meeting in Washington with the Soviet leader, Mik-Mrs. Oakley said the Soviet Union has not protested the Kat-

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and run by the Department of En- assessing the project's environmen- earlier following a cold-weather ergy. But its approval is by oo tal impact. This timing leaves it to test of the redesigned booster. the next president to determine With all but eight of the states whether the supercollider will be was celebrating a new outer space competing for the site now out of built and, if so, when and where, record with the return of a cosmo-

the running. "there's going to be the usual reluctance you get when somebody else gets the prize." said least 35 feet (10 melets) under-that five Morton Thiokol workers Representative Vic Fazio. Demo- ground. Ten thousand supercon- died in an explosioo and fire in an Prompted by leaks from two crat of California, whose state was ducting magnets lining the 10-foot- MX missile section of the compa-

the 1988 fiscal year. No funds are sured in detectors weighing as firing in August, and that a further much as 40,000 tons, are expected change was tried last week. to shed new light on the basic relations between energy and malter.

President Ronald Reagan enThompson said. "Clearly we have

dorsed the project in January to missed something in our design, or help preserve U.S. leadership in high-energy physics into the 21st century. The collider project, and the two-minus terms the its promise of 2,500 permanent jobs. a \$250 million annual federal nozzle's outer boot ring was miss-ing. Nearly 4 feet (about 1.2 mepayroll and international prestige, has sparked intense competition among state governments and congressional delegations.

In commissioning the academy of sciences, the government's oldest and most prestigious source of independent scientific advice, Secretary of Energy John S. Herrington said in February that he wanted to avoid political considerations in selecting a site.

Reports of the committee's rec- year. ommendations, however, emerged first from Mr. Helms of North Caras, which also was on the final list, pitted in previous launches, attributed bis information to Mr. It was not linked, however Herrington.

was gone, and more than a foot of that material was discovered inside the motor, the agency said. NASA was awaiting the testing by Morton Thiokol of major redesigns in the rocket, which were tindertaken as a result of the explosion that destroyed Challenger and killed its crew of seven Jan. 28 last

The failed nozzle ring was redesigned by engineers in the period olina, one of the eight states still in following the Challenger explosion competition. In a news conference because of a concern by NASA that an hour later, Mr. Gramm of Tex- nozzle joints had eroded or been It was not linked, however, to the Challenger explosion.

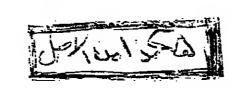
















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Signals for the New Year

In 1988 if will be hard to repair the economic damage of which the stock market crash, Black Monday, was but one reflection. Higher unemployment, intermittent exchange rate chaos, increasingly venemous trade relations and international deht default may become more marked. Economic degradation has not yet poisoned the world political scene, hut that day could come.

Political circumstances in the democracies - the electoral cycle - may not permit much immediate improvement of economic policies. Modern democracy dictates that fundamental considerations are subordinated to the oeeds of shortterm political gain. Whether in Washington, Brasilia, Tokyo or the capitals of Western Europe, pursuit of re-election impels politicians to esponse soft options that they regret when they win office.

This is a handicap with which the free world has in live. The alternative to democracy is not Plam's philosopher king (he isn't in stock) but the centralized direction which, as in the Soviet Union and China, has proved unable to deliver the goods. Unfavorable as the portents may be, gloom can be overdone. Marx got it only half right when he described the internal contradictions of capital: He underestimated the pertinacity of the system - its ability to survive its contradictions. The depressed 1930s, global war in the '40s and the oil shocks of the '70s im-

paired it temporarily, but not in essence.

Capitalist society is resilient. The next 12 months, for which we wish our readers well, are unlikely to be a banner year; a leap year is not necessarily a leap forward. But if the governments of the industrialized world can ease the lot of the disadvantaged at home, and of the indebted abroad, it could be a swing year, between poor and better performance.

Hamstrung as they may feel by the political timetable, governments can show more imagination than they did in 1987, when some of them showed little. Opinion leaders who are not running for political office could push them harder to do so. The world economy in the last decade of the 20th century does not have to be bad. It will be so only if the ominous signals of 1987 are ignored.

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A Way to Help Haitians

The junta that destroyed an independent election at gumpoint a month ago hopes to legitimize dictatorship in an electoral travesty scheduled for Jan. 17. General Henri Namphy now demands that voters hand their ballots directly to his soldiers. Candidates representing some 90 percent of the electorate have properly declined to participate under these circumstances, refusing to lead legitimacy to a cynical exercise. Yet the Reagan administration, which presents itself as a sponsor of Haitian democracy, urges democrats ut reconsider, unite on a single candidate and participate on the regime's terms. That is unworthy and unwise. Washington would do better in press the Haitian junta in conduct genuinely free elections.

Haiti's democrats deserve the protection of a multilateral military force against General Namphy's troops and Duvalierist thugs. But the Organization of American States is adamant against intervening in a neighbor's affairs. And the United Nations has never been willing to send peacekeepers on election duty without a local request. Economic pressure thus becomes the most

realistic way in support Haiti's democrats and encourage a fresh, fair vote. Already Washington has suspended \$78 million in military and non-humanitarian economic aid. Pressure could be increased by more strictly defining humanitarian categories. An additional \$50 million or more in World Bank aid might be frozen if Washington gave a strong lead. Together these steps would affect about a third of Haiti's annual bodget.

To be sure, past aid cutoffs have not impressed a junta that will not permit democracy to jeopardize its own interests. But a strong and consistent U.S. policy soon could affect others like government technocrats and private businessmen. These groups have kept a wary distance from political questions. They have to be brought in act on the knowledge that outrageous politics are simply not consistent with good business.

The Reagan administration has been unswerving in its opposition to electoral charades in Nicaragua, and in using pressure on that vulnerable economy. Is Haitian democracy worth any less?

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Exit Deus ex Machina

A striking theory proposed in 1980 ascribed the sudden demise of dinosaurs some 65 million years ago to the fiery impact of an outsize asteroid. Another explanation, duller and less often discussed, rejects catastrophes from the heavens and points to gradual processes oo Earth, like changes in climate and

sea level, as the likely agents of extinction.

The latest round of debate comes in an article in Science magazine by Anthony Hallam, a geologist at the University of Birmingham in England, Mr. Hallam, long a skeptic of the meteorite thesis, first disputes the event it is meant to explain. The fossil record suggests that dinosaurs did not drop dead overnight, he argues, but went into a gradual decline. Other important Cretaceous creatures — the ammonites, belemnites and rudists - were almost extinct before the end of the Cretaceous period, when the meteorite supposedly struck.

Mr. Hallam finds fault with the alleged murder weapon as well as with the time of murder. The evidence for the asteroid's impact resides in a thin layer of clay laid down at the end of the Cretaceous. The clay holds an unusual amount of the rare Earth element iridium, in which meteorites are rich. It also carries droplets of molten glass, soot and shocked quartz — all impressive signs of a massive impact. But Mr. Hallam dismisses them as a trail of false ciues.

He asserts that volcanoes puff out iridium, and can erupt with the explosiveness to shock quartz particles. The high sootiness of the clay could be just a concentration effect, and the glass droplets could have been made by algae, Besides, shocked quartz particles would only be punched up by a meteorite hitting rock on land. Impact on the sea bottom would hit a cushion of unsbockable sediment. So where is the 150-kilometer crater the meteorite should have left?

Mr. Hallam's leading explanation for the mass extinctions is violent environmental change during the last few hundred thousand years of the Cretaceous period. Triggered by changes deep in Earth's mantle, a long period of volcanic eruptions could have turned the rain acid with sulfurous furnes and cooled the atmosphere with light-dissipating rock dust. A steep drop in sea level would have brought hotter summers and colder winters, making life tough for dinosaurs. Those turbulent events induced the slow

decline of many species on land and sea. The elegance of Mr. Hallam's thesis is that it requires no deus ex machina, and solves the murder mystery by dissolving it in time. But the meteorite theory deserves credit at least for sparking a vigorous autopsy into the death of the dinosaurs. And, however inelegant, it may even be true.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

OPINION



















Winners, Losers and Other Survivors

WASHINGTON — What poor prognostication in this space last year; I even predicted that the stock market would go down, and of course it has risen a bit since last year-end. This year I resolve to bet my hopes, instead of merely my expectations.

1. Begging the president's pardon, elemency next year will be offered (a) to Messrs. Poindexter, North, Second and Hakim before any arms accord and agreement on "star wars" potential indictments; (b) to all four if convicted, but after November's elections, in the form of sentence commutation rather than pardons; (c) in the Iran-contra quartet plus Michael Deaver at Nancy's insistence; (d) to nobody.

2. The publishing world's political grabber will be (a) "The Power Game," by Hedrick Smith; (b) "Buying into America," by Susan and Martin Tolchin; (c) "The Politics of Public Management," by Philip Heymann; (d)

7. The deal of the year will be (a) the secret compact that the Russians made with the memoirs of Bud McFarlane.

3. The first leader to be ousted next year will be (a) Rob Tae Woo of South Korea; (b) Corazon Aquino of the Philippines: (c) Andrei Gromyko of the Soviet Union; (d) Kurt Waldheim of Austria; (e) Yitzhak Shamir of Israel.

4. The U.S. economy will (a) muddle along for six months and then drop like a rock; (b) surprise the doomsayers with a rise of the dollar and a surge of the stock market; (c) mystify economists with a drop in the deficit, a drop in interest rates and a drop in the

By William Safire

override the president's veto of trade protection: (c) ratify the medium missile treaty with non-killer reservations; (d) all of these.

6. The new detente will be (a) celebrated at

testing, concurrent with an end to the Soviet war oo Afghanistan; (b) advanced on Soviet terms with a long-range missile cut and no linkage to cooventional arms reduction, adventurist behavior or human rights; (e) derailed by harsh Soviet military response to a reach for freedom in Eastern Europe; (d) put

president willing to concede SDI testing.

7. The deal of the year will be (a) the secret compact that the Russians made with the tions in return for no Shiite trouble in the Soviet Union: (b) the informal alliance of Robert Dole, Howard Baker and Warren Rudman that will make life difficult for George Bush; (c) the hargain to be sought hy a Wedtech special prosecutor to induce Ed Meese's indicted associates to testify against the attorney general; (d) the deal to be cut by Jesse Jackson at the Democratic Convention.

8. The surprise of the primary campaign will be (a) Al Haig's success in savaging George Bush oo his arms-for-hostages particmarket; (d) be led out of a spring downturn by loose money and a boom in housing starts.

5. The U.S. Congress will (a) support the contras, complaining all the way; (b) fail to

subsidized grain sales to the Russians; (d) the late entry of Mario Cuomo in stop Gary Hart.

9. In the brokered Democratic convention, (a) Robert Strauss, matchmaker, will put to-

gether Sam Num and Paul Simon; (b) Bert Lance, in the Jackson Soothern camp, will broker Gary Hart and Bob Strauss; (c) Lanc Kirkland, curiously silect amidst the early anti-Hart cacophony, will oevertheless amal-gamate Mario Ctiomo and Al Gore; (d) there will be no brokerage possible — the winner will be decided in the primaries. 10. At the non-brokered Republican convention, (a) George Bush will choose Jack Kemp as his running mate: (b) Bob Dole will pick Pete du Pont for his VP; (c) Jack Kemp

will head the "JK2" notet with Jeane Kirk patrick; (d) Messrs. Bush and Dole will reach a delegate standoff and the brokering Baker boys, Howard and Jim, will make a deal with the combined Kemp-Robertson forces. 11. The hig issue of the 1988 general election will be: (a) Who lost NATO? (b) Don't let

them take away our prosperity; (c) Throw out the recessionary rascals; (d) Détente is a chimera; (e) What is character and who's got it? (1) Stop the rising tide of sleaze. 12. The oext president of the United States will be (a) Gary Hart; (b) Jack Kemp; (c) George Bush; (d) Mario Cuomo; (e) another.

My choices (I hate this part): b, b, d, d, d, c, d, a, b, c, e, b. Go ahead and laugh. If I'm all wet, few will remember, but if my long shots come in, nobody will be allowed in forget. The New York Times.

Other Comment

A Hemisphere in Crisis

The bald statistics of a report from an agency of the United Nations disclose the enormous economic, political, social and in the end human personal distress that af-flicts Latin America and its 416 million people. "In 1987, the economic crisis that Latin America has been suffering since the beginning of the present decade was aggravated," according in the UN Economie Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. It states the obvious: "The deterioration of internal social conditions increases the challenges faced by the process-

es of building democracy in the region."
Brazil is going through a shaky economic and political period. Argentina is faltering.
Mexico is in economic turmoil. Colombia has not seen such violence for 40 years. Over all hangs the enormous — \$410 billion - foreign deht. Servicing it costs much more than Latin America receives. From 1982 through 1987, the region shipped out \$145 billion more than it took in. That means that there is not enough capital for development, which means big government deficits, which mean inflation sweeping the region. And all this despite the fact that some coun-

tries have not met their repayment schedules.
A successful Brazilian businessman told
us a story he heard from his grandfather: "If you lend money in a man and he says he will pay you back, you can believe him or not. But if you lend money to a man and he says

he will not pay you back, believe him."
The nations of Latin America have told the big banks they will not pay them back because they cannot. So, as everyone knows but not everyone acknowledges, ways have ut be found ut restructure the debt so that Latin America can begin to grow and prosper again. Doing that will require a major international effort, as the UN commission suggested. Doing that will mean that the banks will not get back all the money they lent. But, as the commission said, it is in the long-term interest of the banks, and indeed of the United States, for Latin America to be put on a payment schedule that permits, indeed encourages, economic growth.

The Western Hemisphere is in crisis. ft should be demanding the full and serious attention of the U.S. government, which is instead mesmerized by the Sandinist regime in Managua. Little Nicaragua is not the crisis. It is only a symptom of the crisis. - The Los Angeles Times

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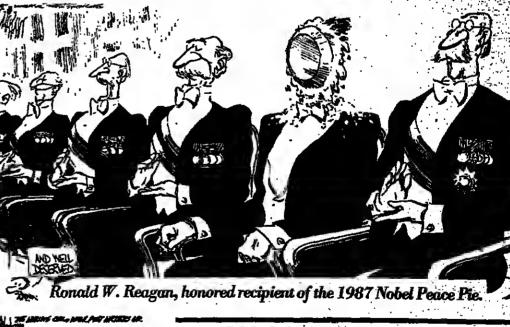
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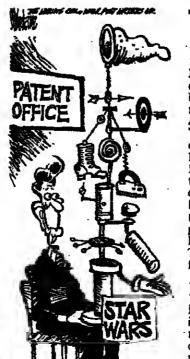
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1887: Dull Year's Close

est year in stocks since 1879.

PARIS — Prices opened firm on the Bourse and continued so until about two o'clock, when rumors were put in circulation that the Italians had suffered a serious defeat in Abyssinia; that there was a revolution at Belgrade; and lastly that the Russians had crossed the Austrian frontier. These canards sent the market for foreign stocks all to pieces.

1912: The Parting Guest

New Year, At the Piccadilly Hotel there will be 1,300 at supper, and a NEW YORK -Stocks were dull and dance in the two ballrooms. On the changes insignificant [Dec. 30]. Brokers are too glum to make the usual racket at the winding up of the year.

All the exchanges remain closed until Tuesday [Jan. 3]. It has been the dull-suddenly illiminated by thousands suddenly illiminated by thousands of tiny lamps concealed behind roses and other flowers. The orchestra will strike up "Auld Lang Syne."

1937: Not That He Cares

PARIS - [A reader writes:] Since everybody is having a merry time about Cantigrade and Fahrenheit and freezing point in the Mailbag. I would like to know how to figure 20 degrees Centigrade into Fabrenheit.
Not that it does make any difference. LONDON — 1913 will be ushered in Moritz get a kick out of looking at a

in most of the leading hotels here thought [Dec. 31] by great gatherings of people who will dine, dance and make merry as they "speed the parting guest" and welcome the bright in the warm Swiss sun.

Moritz get a kiek out of looking at a thermometer showing anywhere between 5 and 20 degrees below zero, then going out skiing with our shirts sleeves rolled back acmally balong in the warm Swiss sun.

A Tactic for Conservatives: Pre-Empt a New Populism

By George F. Will

one scene he delivers a close approximatinn of the "greed is good" homily that Ivan Boesky once served up in a commencement audience. Have we met this man before? Yes, in April 1920: "He was 46 years nld now, in April

1920, and be made untbing in particular, neither hutter nnr shoes our poetry, hut he was nimble in the calling of selling houses for more than people could afford in pay." George F. Bab-bitt was created by Sinclair Lewis in an era punctuated by a crash.

Judgment upon Ivan Boesky and Michael Deaver coincided with another crash. Their cases feed the cynicism that fuels the peculiar populism of "Wall Street," the movie. And the cultural phenomenon of revulsing against certain mores of contemporary capitalism is politically partentous.

Populism always is the politics of resentment — resentment of railroads gouging farmers, of manufacturing monnpolies, nf Washington. Cnmes now, in "Wall Street," upper-middle-class opulism, the resentment of those who feel disadvantaged regarding leveraged huy-outs. However, it is hard to arouse a mass movement against institutions and practices unfamiliar to the masses.

Laws regulating uses of information (see Mr. Boesky) and restricting Wasbington advocacy (see Mr. Deaver) invariably draw wavy, hlurry lines. It is precisely this imprecision that allows for ambiguities that can tempt people over the indistinct lines into corruption. The portrayal of temptation is the strength of "Wall Street."

The director, Oliver Stone, who also directed "Salvador" and "Platonn." makes political films that frequently he-come agitprop. "Wall Street" does that when Mr. Douglas spouts statistical rubbisb about America's distribution of wealth. This movie is larded with economic haby talk: We should "create instead of living by the huying and selling of others," and capitalism is "a zero-sum game" in which money is not made

or lost, it is only "transferred."
"Wall Street" is a morality soap opera. It is a slick 1980s idea of "Waiting for Lefty," with a working stiff 1the father of the young corrupted broker) as mural paragon. But Mr. Stone has part of a point and is not alone in seizing it. Caryl Churchill's play "Seri-ous Money." which lampoons the frenzy of London's stock market, is a hit off Broadway and will be an even higger

one on Broadway beginning in January. Like "Wall Street," "Serious Money" stresses the antic maybem of today's capital markets. There are 30 telephones on the set, and clatter is the constant background to a script delivered almost entirely in rhymed couplets. With manic in-

I EW YORK — "I create nothing. I own ... I buy and sell what's already there." So speaks Michael Douglas portraying a Mephistophelian financier in the movie "Wall Street." In "Sermus Money." contemporary capitalism is portrayed as "balf roulette, half Space Invaders." In "Wall Street." the investing public, unlike the In "Sermus Money," contemporary capitalism is portrayed as "ball roulette, half Space Invaders." In "Wall Street," the investing public, unlike the inside-traders, is described as "out there throwing darts at a board."

A moral vulnerability of capitalism

today is the belief that too much wealth is allocated capriciously, not nmly by the randomness of luck but by morally tainted shurtcuts around a level playing field for all competitors. But the legiti-macy of the economic order depends nn a consensus that, no balance, rewards are rationally related to the so-cial value of the effort involved.

Legitimacy also depends on the belief not nnly that careers are open to talents but also that investors have reasnnahly equal access to a valuable commndity — information. Furthermore, in a modern economy where goveroment permeates economic life, another precinus commodity is access: the abil-ity in address decision-makers.

Ronald Reagan should pay more attentinn to the movies, at least "Wall Street." The Republican Party is the conservative party and conservatism celebrates capitalism, so the Republi-



can Party is vulnerable to any decline in the social standing of capitalists. When will Republicans find their voices for denouncing those who subvert the consensus sustaining the eco-numic nrder, beginning with inside-traders and access-exploiters?

Suppose the 1988 campaign is punctuated by indictments of persons ac-

cused of white-collar crimes. If genuine revulsing is not sufficient, simple selfinterest should move Republicans in do what "Wall Street" does. The movie expresses a moral anxiety: Too much wealth is being allocated in ways irra-tinnally related to social betterment. The economic system, the primary al-locator of the benefits of American life,

is being drained of its legitimacy by the practices of people who are the conser vatives' problem. Conservatives should be in a prosecutorial mood. Surely they should understand that discrediting economic arrangements is the essence of the left's agenda for expanding the role of the state as allocator of benefits.

Washington Post Writers Group.

because women could not vote at the time

or so claimed the teachers. Many girls

reportedly pointed out that nonwhite

males did take part even though non-

in winning the Revolution.

In Washington, Too

the highest levels of America's civic hier-

archy would speak up about the disfig-

urement of Washington's skyline. The

prince's observation about the need for

experts to come down out of their ivon

whites had not had the right to vote when

Younger Eyes Seem to Know About an Unknown Strength

By Eugene Policelli

SOUTH WINDSOR, Connecticut—

The flash of understanding ignited by a paradox can be startling.

been thinking of all children who have that mysterious contradiction—tremendous vulnerability and the strength to

Recently, in a municipal election debate when candidates presented their backgrounds, credentials and viewpoints, I said I had been in education for more than 20 years and rattled off the skills and qualifications I would bring to the board

MEANWHILE

of education. Then I almost lost my train of thought. I stuttered but quickly recov-ered and concluded my remarks. I realized that I was expatiating on

what I would contribute to public service. Yet I had never taken the time to appreciate what 20 years in education had done for me. I was thinking specifically of what

college students had taught me.
Later, I read a passage from G.K..
Chesterton, the master of paradox:
"Anyone whose childhood has known a real Christmas has ever afterwards an association between two ideas that most regard as remote from each other: the idea of a baby and the idea of unknown strength that sustains the stars."

Chesterton was speaking of the baby born in Bethlehem. But he might have

towers and listen to the public is pertinent

In 1983, Washington's citizens at-

empted to assume direct participation in

in Washington and other capitals.

overcome heavy odds fighting against a system that says they are, after all, only adolescents and incapable of determining their lives. I have encouraged them to persevere, and I have seen them succeed. Little did I realize, however, that I was the one who went away from the en-

counters as a renewed man. I have seen college students pull themselves up from failing grades to make the dean's list, overcome severe family problems to find self-esteem again and turn up a way to subsidize their education when financial aid was no lunger available. And I also think of the little ones - my own and others.

· 「関係を関係は、一下の一門の一門を開いる」にいい

hold our love and change our lives.
Perhaps that was the paradox with
which I was grappling: finding strength
in weakness, meaning in superficiality,
And so college students and children

I have met so many young people who would not take no for an answer. They

have given me gifts all these years.

When do they ever acquiesce meekly to a negative response? I have seen young eyes sparkle when I offered a challenge. They were willing to do whatever was necessary, to accept whatever hardship. Once convinced of

the possibilities for change, these young people go at it with verve.

I recall how insightful young people are — how they circumvent the superfi-cial and arrive at the essence of things. I hear them discuss social issues, the

concern for the service of others.

I am in awe when I look at young children. They wish for peace, for an end to hunger, for harmony in their families, for love and understanding. They sense that somehow things could be different. From them I have received perhaps the

implications of science and heartfelt

best gift of all, the gift of hope.
We are admonished to see through the eyes of children. But sometimes it is difficult to clear our vision and to bend low enough to get a different perspective. In a sense, we all listen instinctively to children. In a department store or on a street, we turn in the direction of a crying child. Let us listen to the innocence of our little ones and to our young adults.

The paradox will endure: weakness and strength, innocent ignorance and wisdom, dependence and selfhood. I embrace the paradox. I am resolved to be grateful for and attentive to the "unmown strength that sustains the stars."

The writer is a career counselor at the University of Connecticut and a member of the board of education in South Windsor, He contributed this to the Hartford Courant.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Emotionally Charged Photographs on the Front Page

As a regular and sympathetic reader armed Israeli soldiers) and in support of more than 20 years, permit me to innocent civilian victims (Palestinian for more than 20 years, permit me to express dissatisfaction with your recent hntographic coverage of the events in Israel and the occupied territories. Repetitinus use of nne-sided, emotionally charged pictures on the front page is not in keeping with the objective style and factual content of your articles.

While events in Israel are serious and merit extensive critical coverage land front-page photographs, when these con-tribute to the understanding of events). one-sidedness and disproportionate use can give the impression that the newspaper is carrying out a campaign against perpetrators of injustice (brutal, heavily

children). I am sure this impression is not justified, but please understand how attached I am to a conception of journalism that sets the IHT apart: direct, factual, objective and nonsensational.

LAWRENCE ALLISON.

Anti-Israel hias is clear in the selection of a large picture on your Dec. 22 front page. Pictures are psychologically manipulative. This one conveys a message which belies your usual impartiality.

WALTER KRANZ Locarno, Switzerland

Tribute to a Grand Lady

It was on Christmas Day, 1986, that Nora Isahella Samuelli, commonly known as "Bobsie," died in Paris at the age of 72. As a 20-year Senate staffer (now retired) who spent many hours on the Samuelli case, I wish to take advantage of the first anniversary of her death to pay a tribute to a grand lady.

Born in Romania in a prominent Jew-ish family, Bobsie was brought up by an English nanny, and English was really her first language. In 1944 she was taken on by the U.S. Legation in Bucharest as an assistant for information affairs. In 1949 she was sentenced to 15 years in prison as an "American spy." The trumped up charges were designed to force the closing of the U.S. Information Office, described ventiveness, Caryl Churchill's stagecraft charges were designed to force the closing fills the theater with a torreut of randomness. The plot, such as it is, is hard as "that botbed of American spies." After

serving 12 years of her sentence. Bobsie was released on the payment of ransom by relatives in the United States.

She and her family were granted refugee status in France. At this point she made the unhappy discovery that, while there had never been any question about back pay for U.S. nationals sentenced to prison clearly as a result of their employment by the U.S. government, there was no provision under U.S. law for foreign nationals in the same position.

She came to Washington to present her case personally. Officials in the State Department were sympathetic, but there was nothing they could do, so she turned to the Senate. Every senator and senatorial aide to whom she presented her story was completely won over. Before long she had a hipartisan coalition championing her cause. Changing the law is a long proce-

Hurrah for Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson's uncompromising stand on in-truding submarines ("Sweden Warns on Submarines," Dec. 21), Let us see whether it will bring glasnoss to murky waters. ROLF WIKLUND.

Watching Mikhail's Navy

Vandoeuvres, Switzerland,

Women and the Revolution Your People column of Dec. 11 told of

a young girl. Sarah Rosen, who had been named one of Ms. magazine's Women of the Year for protesting the exclusion of girls from the Bicentennial re-enactment of the signing of the U.S. Constitution. Girls were excluded, the column noted,

dure, so she had two private hills enacted on her behalf. The first in 1965, granted her \$40,000 in back pay. The second, in 1968, conferred U.S. citizenship on her. President Lyndon Johnson gave her the pen he used for signing the laws.

Bobsie's long struggle was crowned with success by the Foreign Service Act of 1980 which granted back pay to local emplayees of the Foreign Service impris-oned under circumstances which led the secretary of state to believe that it was a direct result of their employment.

Bohsie will also be remembered for her educational activities. For more than 10 years she taught English by mail to prisoners in France, enclosing personal lelters to boost their morale and help their resettlement after release.

DAVID MARTIN. Arlington, Virginia. citizens enacted the Rhodes Tavern Preservation Initiative law. This act provided

a singularly important design issue in-volving a large block overlooking the White House. In an overwhelming vote, the Constitution was written. The girls were as wrong as their teachers. Women could vote at the time in New Jersey: they lost that right only 20 years later. And blacks were able to vote in for a citizens' commission of laymen and most New England states. It is worth note experts to seek a design solution for prethat the Constitution, before amendment, serving historic Rhodes Tavern (circa did not stipulate male gender as a require-ment for public office. The Constitution 1799). Washington's first town hall and oldest extant commercial landmark. did not include a color requirement, ci-Citizens had one design solution alther, although naturalization laws would ready in hand providing for new consoon limit citizenship to white people. struction around the tavern with no loss of rentable floor space. Individuals and Girls should have been included in the

Bicentennial re-enactment in any case, interested organizations with proven because women played such a large role fund-raising records were on board to provide financing. All this popular action was aggressively opposed on all fronts by a petty fraternity of planners, architects and developers. This gang was appalled ELLIOTT R. BARKAN. Southampton, England. The writer is visiting Fulbright proat a precedent demonstrating that citi-zens cared enough about their history and fessor of American history at the Univer-sity of Southampton.

environment to demand admittance to a clubby, closed review process. Within a year, the considerable politi-Cheers to the Prince of Wales for giv cal leverage of developers prevailed to crush this "dangerous" citizens' moveing the stick to those responsible for defi-cient planning and mediocre architectur-

ment. Rhodes Tavern, the only remaining al design in the United Kingdom and particularly in London (People, Dec. 3). As a historian and a former member of building in Washington passed by every presidential inaugural parade held here, was demolished, with the nearly total acquiescence of Washington's elected the National Capital Planning Commission. I have long wished that someone at and appointed establishment.

NELSON F. RIMENSNYDER. Committee on the District of Columbia. U.S. House of Representatives.

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GENERAL NEWS

French TV Embraces Sexy Programs

As Competition Warms Up, Limits on Explicitness Fade

PARIS - II was just another Saturday night nn French televi-The bare-breasted girl on the screen was chained to an iron bar. Mad Max. girded in leather, slowly

By Edward Cody Washington Past Service

passed the business end of his riot gun over ber captive body, then threw her down nn a pile of used tires and simulated not-so-consensual intercourse. "These things are going further and further," said Béatrice Girault, a spokeswoman for M6, the chan-

nel that telecast the scene into thnusands of French homes. "And people are asking for more. The M6 program, called "Sexy Clips," has joined a growing list of television sex shows that have taken France to a new frontier of what is acceptable over the airwayes. Private and newly privatized stations.

cager for viewers and free from

bureaucracy, have brought increasingly daring programming.

Proud of its liberal bentage and open-mindedness about sex. France has long shrugged at torrid love scenes shown in films and later nn prime-time television. Nude women have become ho-hum in advertising spots televised at any hour. But now, French televisinn is showing sex for the sake of sex —

and far the sake of ratings.

An American television correspondent who planned a story nn the new programming said he had to abandon the idea for lack of stritable images. "There is no way we could show that nn U.S. televi-

sion," he said.
"The real novelty is that our television sets have begun showing eroticism as such," write the commentator Philippe Aubert in a re-cent edition of the newsweekly Le

Canal Plus, a subscription chan-Saturday a month for the last three years. A production assistant at Canal Plus who asked to remain annnymous said the munthly pornu

DEATH NOTICE

Henry COTTON I husband of the late Tools and trest step-father of Isabel and the late Nellie Moss.

Now mainstream stations, broadcasting to anyone with a television set, have started moving to-

These things are going further and further. And people are asking for more.'

> — Béatrice Girault. an M6 spokeswoman

are nn near midnight, but humorous striptease sequences and pin-up-style nude poses bave been programmed earlier, as have vivid

On M6, for example, "Sexy Clips" is preceded at 11 P.M. by "Charmes," on which women take nff their cluthes in a variety of skits. Just before midnight. a voice sug-gests in a bedroom whisper that it is distinguished from other sex show ume Inr "Sexy Clips," whereupon rock video frames are interspersed with sequences of a couple getting in know each niher better at each appearance until by 1 A.M. they are nude and extremely well ac-

Marcel Bleustein-Blanchet, a pinneer of advertising in France restrain them.

movie usually gets 20 percent of the and founder of its largest agency, statinn's regular viewing audience. Publicis S.A., remarked recently that the sex shows on television have begun "a real revolution" in the French countryside. Many ward more and more explicit sex French farmers and villagers who scenes. The most daring programs had retained the more austere mores of their forebears, he said, now are staying up late to watch the new

wave nn television. Pascale Breugnot, another producer, became well known last year with her "Sexy Folies." a program nf humorous sex skits, also on Antenne 2. Since then, she has moved. along with her program — rehap-tized "Super Sexy" — to the priva-tized TF1. "Super Sexy," at 10:30 P.M. nn the third Wednesday of each month, has risen to 26 points in the ratings, in which each point represents 194,000 households, according to a production assistant. Yvon Lemarquand. That consututes 75 percent in 80 percent of the

"It is a funny, humorous pro gram, and it approaches subjects that people consciously or unconsciously want to see," he said. Although nudity, straightfur-ward language and sexual situa-tions are the program's mainstay. because it seeks to make people laugh. Mr. Lemarquand explained.

market at that hour, he added.

The National Commission on Liberry and Communication - the country's official television oversight board - can ask to see file copies of the sex shows, but so far the government has not sought in

Holocaust 'Lesson' Disowned

The Assistant Press BONN -- A manual for military administrators that cited the gasnel that operates with decoding devices, has been showing hard-enre economic principles" led to a propornography films at midnight one test and in its repudiation by the Defense Ministry on Wednesday.

Ministry officials in Bonn said that the manual was an unofficial publication and that the article written by Rainer Reinhart, the vice president of the 7th Military District administration in Bavaria. was only meant in state an extreme

Heinz Galinski, the president of the Jewish community in West Ber-

lin, called it a "flagrant disparage-

ment of the memory of the mur-

conclusing of economics.

anti-democratic thinking." The passage he criticized said:

This poses the fundamental question whether economy as a formal principle under a power dedicated to serve public welfare can be ap-plied universally. If we look at it from the point of view that the end-justifies the means, then the use of poison gas for the mass extermina-tion of Jews instead of individual executions also was a victory of

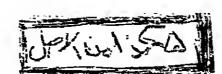
It added that this "frightful episode" showed that the principle of being economical could and must be only one of the principles gov erning behavior in a democracy.



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Fasting by Iranians Now in the 4th Week

Protest Continues Over Expulsions To Gabon of Khomeini Opponents

By Barry James International Herald Tribune

scale daily tells a story of stubborn appealing for the return to France hope and dwindling strength for 40 of the expelled Iranians. The U.S. Iranians in Paris who say they will congressmen, including three presistarve themselves to death in a test dential candidates, Senators Albert more than three weeks ago.

Lihreville, Gabon, on Dec. 8 as troublemakers, along with two Ira-Paris from Britain and Sweden and three Kurdish nationalists from

The hunger strikers, members of the exiled opposition to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the Iranian leader, contend that the deporta-Khomeini regime to gain the reand hundreds of legislators from around the world have sent messages protesting the expulsions of the Iranians in Libreville say the Iranians, most of whom had they believe they were an unwitting. formal refugee status in France.

In the Paris suburb of Neuilly-High Commissioner for Refugees has entered its fourth week. In Lians, along with the French wife of their families by force." one of them, also are on a hunger strike, and similar fasts by Iranian exiles are taking place in London and Washington.

"We are ready and very determined to go to the bitter end," Said Assadi, 33, one of those expelled, said in a telephone interview from

Io Paris, Ahmad Raffi, 32, echoed Mr. Assadi's words. "We will go to the end, no matter where that may lead us - to death, or until they come back."

Doctors examine the bunger strikers every day in a camper parked outside the UN office in Neuilly. The bathroom scale shows that some have lost 12 kilograms (26 pounds) or more after 22 days on a diet of sweetened tea and water. The doctors warn that several are approaching a critical condi-

In another camper, several hunger-striking women were bundled inside sleeping bags to conserve pital. heat and strength. Other demonstrators pass the nights in parked cars, or sitting on sheets of cardboard oo the sidewalk.

"We didn't think it would go on this long when we started," said Hassan Nayebagha, 37, a soft-spo- return to France. ken sociologist who trained at the University of California at San just the same had we known." Most of the bunger strikers are relations or close acquaintances of those who were expelled.

Mr. Nayebagha said there would have been no such protest had the Iranians been exiled on the orders of a French court. But he said the French government broke its own laws by expelling them summarily. despite the fact they had, or had applied for, formal refugee status.

"It will be a terrible stain on France's reputation as a land of asylum if any of these people die," said Behzad Naziri, a spokesman for the Mujahidin Khalq resistance group, which is coordinating the hunger strikes.

uave a int of difficulty communicating with them. But they also have wives and children in Paris "

Mr. Naziri said more than 1,000 members of parliament from sever-PARIS - A simple bathroom al couotries have signed motions of will to force France to bring Gore Jr., Jack Kemp and Paul Siback 12 Iranians it exiled to Africa mon, signed appeals to President François Mitterrand, which were The 12 were put on a plane to published as an advertisement in the newspaper Le Monde.

The expulsions occurred after mans who happened to be visiting France and Iran agreed to end a Paris from Britain and Sweden and five-month standoff in which each had blockaded the other's emhassy. France released an Iranian official wanted for questioning in connection with a series of bombings in Paris, and Iran in turn released a French diplomat it had been holdtions were part of a deal with the ing since July. An Iranian-backed militia in Beirut also released two lease of French hostages. One hundred and twenty U.S. congressmen dred and twenty U.S. congressmen part of the deal, but three nther Frenchmen are still being held in Lebanon.

party to the agreement, and that they were expelled to appease Ayasur-Seine, the bunger strike outside tollah Khomeini. We have been the office of the United Nations torn away from our families in Mr. Assadi said. "We are just like the hostages in Lebanon breville, 11 of the expelled Irani- who have also been separated from

Although Mr. Assadi is international secretary of the Mujahidin Khalq and well known in French political circles, and although he acknowledged that some of the exiled Iranians solicited signatures for anti-Khomeini petitions, he said none of those expelled had Libreville, "We have made the ever violated the terms of their refpledge among ourselves that either ugee status, which forbids active we go back to France or we will all political involvement. The French government said they had "threatened the peace" in France.

ger strikers in Libreville are in a hospital, including two women stu-

One other woman was too ill on her arrival in Libreville to begin the hunger strike, he said. Another of the exiles, Hassan Habibi, has a French wife, a nurse who later flew to Gabon and joined the fast.

Mr. Assadi said the Iranians, whn were arrested in predawn tion, and nine have been taken to raids, were sent to Libreville withthe emergency ward of a hospital out money or even a change of nearby. But they come right back. clothes, and have been confined to their hotel since they arrived, apart from visits under guard to the hos-

> "We don't pay for our hotel because we were brought bere by force," he said. He added that President Omar Bongo visited the exiles on Dec. 16 and promised be would use his influence to obtain their

Two of the 17 persons originally put on a plane to Gabon were later released when it was found they had valid refugee papers issued by the British and Swedish govern-ments and had been only visiting Paris. As for the three Turks, "we are not sure why they were included." said a spokesman for the Turkish Embassy in Paris. "But since they had political refugee status in France, we have not officially inter-

"They don't know themselves why they were included," Mr. As-sadi said, "We met them for the first time on the plane. They speak no Farsi and little French, so we have a lnt of difficulty communi-



Temperatures Fall Below Freezing in Northeastern U.S.

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Temperatures fell below zero degrees Fahrenheit (minus 18 centigrade) overnight Tuesday across northern New England and upstate New York. The region's bomeless sought the warmth of shelters, some of which have had to turn people away for lack of space.

The Boston and New York police were pressed into service Tuesday night and early Wednesday to

get the homeless to shelters. In northern New Jersey, shelters were full nr nearly full. The wind chill factor increased the suffering of the homeless.

The cold weather also extended to the West and

the Southwest. A Dallas shelter for the homeless that had shut down because some occupants broke no-smoking rules was reopened oo Tuesday. lo Los Angeles, officials agreed to keep emergency shelters operating for homeless persons.

Mr. Assadi said three of the burnTRADE: Growth in Exports Is Helping U.S. Economy

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that the consumer sector has begun to slow. Both these trends were evident well before the stock market plunge of mid-October.

American consumers have found their real incomes growing slowly

partly the result of higher prices for oil and other imported goods as they saw their debts rising and their savings drawn down.

Thus, the trade eogine bas kieked in to provide oew momenturn just when the consumer spending engine began to sputter. This development, many economists bebeve, may keep the economy running at a respectable pace and prevent an election-year recession.

In the latest issue of its Morgan Economie Quarterly, Morgan Guaranty declared: "Just as robust domestie spending in 1985 and 1986 did not translate into a booming economy because of the country's trade deterioration, even substactial softness in domestic spending does oot necessarily mean economic weakness in the current environment of dramatic

trade improvement. In fact, the bank added, before October the vigorous trade sector was "more than nifsetting" the domestic-spending weakness and, as a result, the economy was accelerat-

ing. Third-quarter growth of the gross national product, first estimated at an annual rate of 3.8 percent, has since been raised to 4.1 percent and then to 4.3 percent. Gross national product measures

come from operations abroad.

While the improvement in trade are buffeting the economy. Among appears to be firmly rooted, other the unknowns is whether, assuming areas may prove uncervingly errat-oil prices ease, the decline will be

'I think '88 is going to be a year nf stumbling and staggering growth," said Donald H. Straszheim, chief economist for Merrill Lyncb Capital Markets, Financial markets, be added, will be highly volatile. Economists can only make edu-

cated stabs at such basics as what will happen to the price of oil, bow fast the trade deficit will improve nr how much psychological dam-age was inflicted by the evaporation of balf a trillion dollars from investors' portfolios.

The stock plunge caused most analysts to lower estimates of oext al deficit oow substantially fiyear's growth in GNP, but some have since restored part of the

The most common professional moderate expansion, oot yet finally determined, of about 3.25 percent.

The 51 participants in a poll conducted by Blue Chip Economic Indicators, a oewsletter, put next year's GNP growth at 1.9 percent after removing the effects of infla-

Among members of the National Association of Business Economists, a consensus shows the ecoonmy growing by 2 percent.

Last week the Reagan administration projected 2.4 percent

growth, a target that assumes stepped-up expansion by nther the economy's total output of countries and a Federal Reserve goods and services, including inmonetary policy more accommo-dating than it has been in most recent months.

The administration also projects that the Consumer Price Index will decline about half a perceotage point, to 4.3 percent, over the coming year while unemployment averages 5.8 percent, the rate that now

A number of factors, however,

Ruling Impedes Merger in Detroit

WASHINGTON - An administrative law judge recommended morgues were overflowing with Wednesday that the Justice Dehundreds of dead and that hospipartment reject a bid by the Detroit tals were desperately short of blood Free Press and The Detroit News and medicine. to merge their noneditorial opera-

Judge Morton Needelman told Altorney General Edwin Meese 3d that the Free Press "does oot qualify as a failing newspaper," as asserted by the owners.

the merger now rests with Mr. Meese. The parties io the case have 45 days to make their final argu- which seemed to excuse Romania be able to make good his promise ments. Gannett Co., owner of the of its own failings, he promised his was another matter.

News, and Knight-Ridder Inc., 265-member Central Committee owner of the Free Press, contend that next year there would be, yes, a that the partial merger is needed to chickeo in every pot, echoing Kiog get by the current unrest," noted keep the Free Press in business and Henry IV of France. to end losses at the papers.

EXPERIENCE COUNTS! NON-RESIDENTIAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

Professional or field may copy for dis-distance Bedvelor's, Mester's of Declared degree programs in Menagement documenting work expensions restend of further classwork, and presenting a ceiver accompliatement project assessed standard thesis. The cost is snaderately for the low completion is shortered. Designed by working professionals. Program authorized by the Collegia Department of Education. Suctions workloads. CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY for ADVANCED SUTDIES

rebuffed the U.S. advice. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir declared enough to offset the inflationary effects of the slumping dollar and wage pressures arising from tight labor markets in some regions. There is also the question of

whether the Federal Reserve will be as quick to detect and counter a kup in inflatinn during a presidential election year as it would in other years. All its governors having been appointed by President Ronald Reagan.

If American consumers retrench, this would tend to have the beneficial effects of curbing imports and increasing savings that would then be available to belp finance a federnanced by foreigners. But this retrenchment could tip

the economy to the brink of recession, generally defined as two con- and deterrent measure of unparalguess is that GNP will grow about secutive quarters of cootraction in leled efficiency." percent as much as this year's the GNP, Mr. Straszheim of Merrill Lynch, for example, thinks that laekluster Christmas sales will farce production cuts in the first quarter that would be large enough to push the GNP into ocgative terplace overnight. There is an apritory before the ecocomy bounces back in the spring.

Oo the other hand, some economists insist that lower interest rates representing Palestinians have brought about by the stock market collapse will entirely offset the neg-ative consequences of the plunge.

military authorities have also apperson may be declared secret. De-NABLUS, Israeli-Occupied plied a punishment known as ad-West Bank - Arab lawyers anministrative detention.

By John Kifner

authorities are doing," said Jawad Boulus, a lawyer, after a meeting

Tuesday in which defense attor-oeys, in effect, decided to join a

strike by Gaza Strip lawyers to pro-

The system of military justice in

the occupied territories has long

been controversial, with Palestin-

ians asserting that it is arbitrarily

applied.

A Palestinian from the Gaza

Strip, Mustafa Issa al-Beik, 17,

died overnight Tuesday in an Israe-

li hospital, the army said, of a bullet

wound in the head suffered on Dec.

21. His death raised the fatality toll

Israeli troops and security men

have rounded up nearly a thousand

Palestinians; the army gives the fig-ure as 900. Many of them were

to at least 22 protesters.

Ahmed Jebril

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its peace and security."

they left the meeting.

But Israeli nfficials have publicly

that "Israel knows how to defend

The 10-man inner cabinet met to

Security officials are believed to

discuss the question of expulsions.

The ministers refused comment as

have drawn up lists of dozens of

Palestinians who they would like to

see expelled but are awaiting the

difficult political decision by the

The iodependent newspaper

Ha'aretz, suggested in an editorial

that the U.S. advice should be re-

jected, saying that "according to accepted opinion — based on 20

years of experience - the expul-

sion of subversive elements and riot

organizers to Jordan is a preventive

Both Jordan and Egypt have said

Deportations, should they be de-

cided upon, would likely not take

peals procedure, to a military advi-

sory committee whose recommen-

datioo is not binding, and lawyers

vowed to use it to slow the process.

which the Israelis say is sanctioned

In addition to deportation,

they would refuse to accept any

Palestinians expelled by Israel.

test the military tribunals.

widespread disorders.

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Trials of Protesters by Israelis by the regulations of the pre-1948
British mandate over Palestine, the ministrative detention procedures, the evidence against the accused iense lawyers charge that this

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makes their job impossible. Meanwhile, the police said that 10 identical letter bombs had been mailed from Turkey to several locations in Israel. Two residents of Or Yehuda, near Tel Aviv, were slight-

Troubles in Gaza Stir Palestinians in Egypt

By Alan Cowell
New York Times Service

CANADA CAMP, Egypt -The trouble did not spill over here, but the anger did, and so did the futility.

This is Egypt's only Palestin-ian refugee district, a razor-wire fence away from the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip. That strip has been one theater of the anti-Israeli protests in which at least 22 Arabs have been killed in recent weeks.

caught in sweeps at night through refugee camps and Arab villages. Like those across the wire, The sweeps are continuing. The the people here are Palestinian, Palestinian Press Service reported from the same families, yet septhat 15 more persons were arrested in the Gaza Strip and 25 from variarated from them by a cartogra-pher's pen stroke. When fromtiers were apportioned by the 1979 Camp David peace agreeous towns in the West Bank. The authorities seized nine men identified as Palestinian militants. ment, the lines were drawn acfive of whom had been released cording to a 1906 treaty befrom Israeli jails in a 1985 prisoner tween Britain and the Ottoman

swap with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Empire, which then ruled Pales-Command organization headed by Those lines from the past cut through an unforeseen moder-nity, leaving 5,000 Palestinians There was speculation that the nine might be candidates for de-

marooned in Egypt, apart from the 600,000 in the crush of Deportation and administrative detention are punishments im-If Palestinians are often cast posed by the Israeli anthorities in as unwanted folk, those here the occupied territories that are seem doubly bereft, an irritant separate and distinct from the milisometimes to the Egyptians, and unwanted — the young, angry ones, at least — by the Istary trials now going on.

The United States has been openly pressuring Israel not to imraelis. Many seek to go to Gaza,

an occupied land in the harsh grip of turmoil, because it is perceived as offering jobs and "It is a catastrophe," said a teacher from the school that

turns out teen-agers with oo jobs or prospects. "We want to go back. We cannot." When they hear the rumblings of protest, across the wire, and see the smoke of the protesters' fires, "we are sad," he said, adding: "They are our brothers. But we can only resist in Palestine. We cannot resist in Egypt. Here, we must be po-

There have been no street protests in Canada Camp, he

Many residents say they have been promised a place in Israeli-occupied land by the occupation anthorities, and want to go. But Egypt is supposed to pay an family to move. It has oot done so, apparently because of its domestic economic troubles, and some say the financial restraint is a principal obstacle keeping them from moving to the Gaza

In any event, the elders say, Israel has barred all men 17 to 26 years old from crossing the

And so, as the fighting has flared and flickered in Israel's occupied lands, the protest has touched a lost sense of nation.

"We want to go back, even if we are killed," said a young man who spoke with the brava do that is made easy by the impossibility of its redemption. We want to be with them, our brothers, and resist the israelis. Our families are there. But we can do nothing because the Egyptians will stop us from staging protests on Egyptian

And yet, in recent weeks, this small place, whose motto, on a sign board, proclaims "cleanliness is next to godhness" has come to know some stirring of unaccustomed violence.

On Dec. 1. assailants as ve unidentified attacked an Israeli patrol along the wire with hand renades and an assault rifle,

wounding an Arab scout and fleering back to Egypt. That, in turn, led to retribu-The wire that severs Canada

Camp from the Gaza Strip is called the shouting fence because it is there that people will gather to trade talk and news with family members on the nther side, 15 unbridgeable yards (14 meters) away.

Brides are brought to the wire to be displayed and acclaimed, and funerals pass along the wire, too, to receive keening tribute to the dead from the other side. After the Dec. 1 attack, Egypt prohibited talk across the razor wire and the shouting fence is stilled.

The stories of separation are legion. A 6-year-old girl, it is said, asked her father across the fence for a birthday gift, A woman, married on one side, has her parents and children on the nther.

Mayor Attia Abdel Aziz said permits to cross were given twice a year, except to the men 17 to 26 years old, who are not allowed to pass in either direc-

Canada Camp, named for a Canadian unit performing a peacekeeping role in the 1960s. filled with Palestinians in 1976. the mayor said, after the Israelis, then occupying Sinai, decided to build a road in the nearby town of Rafa in the Gaza Strip and moved them to make way

There are few jobs, the mayor said, so the United Nations distributes relief supplies and a person with money can purchase Egyptian rations of flour and oil and sugar at the equivalent of \$15 a month.

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AFGHAN: Kabul Says Siege Is Over but Rebels Deny It ALSACE:

mat monitoring the fighting said that it was inevitable the 50,000 leaving the most dangerous ground troops would battle past the guerrillas and reach Khost, but he said artillery and aircraft support. he was skeptical their arrival would end the siege.

tend to maintain the siege for as feuds and a civil war with Moslem lnng as possible with the hope of tribesmen, and it is estimated to improving their control of the have more than 110,000 troops area," the diplomat said, "and helping Kabul against the rebels, area, the diplomat said, "and thereby opening up new supply routes in the strategic center of eastern Afghanistan." He said 6,000 to 10,000 rebels were in the area.

The diplomat quited medical of-ficials in Kabul as saying that

Afghan guerrillas have kept Khost isolated since shortly after the Soviet invasinn and tightened airport as well as cutting the road.

Western analysts have described Soviet tactics in Afghanistan as leaving the most dangerous ground comhat tn Afghans while supplying ber, were to be tried.

The Soviet Union entered Afghanistan to support a Communist "The mujahidin reportedly ingovernment weakened by internal and to maintain the siege for as feuds and a civil war with Moslem

> macost, is due in Pakistan to discuss prospects for an Afghan peace settlement. A Pakistani official said tinns in Afghanistan after the Washington summit talks.

Tass said that an Italian journalthe noose this year by closing the ist, Fausto Biloslavo, reported trips," missing on assignment in Afghani-

another foreign analyst. "Now that

JERUSALEM — Israel received

13,658 Jewish immigrants in 1987,

a 35-percent increase over the pre-

vious year, the Ministry for Immi-

Mr. Biloslavo, 26, a correspon-dent of the Trieste-based Albatros Press news agency, is being held by "Afghan authorities after his arrest in the defeat of a rebel group," Tass said, adding that "criminal action for illegally entering Afghanistan and joining the ranks of an armed anti-government group" has been Mr. Guillo, 45, a free-lance pho-

tographer captured in the northern Fariab Province, was accused by Tass of "collecting informatioo infringing on the state and military interests of the republic" of Af-President Mohammed Zia ul-Haq's government was hoping to hear a Tass said that Western doctors government was hoping to hear a U.S. assessment of Soviet inten-

stan with the guerrillas were actually military advisers. "Those are far from being tourist or reporters' the agency said.
(Rewers, AFP, UPI)

The decision nn whether to allow DEPRIVE: Romanian Food Lines REEF:

Mr. Ceausescu said that in 1988, his police are once more in place, 300,000 mare cattle would be his infarmers back in the factories. slaughtered for home consump- and the party conference out of the tinn, along with 12.5 million pigs. way, I fear we will see the food lines
And each person would be entitled wither again for lack of food."

10 35 pounds (16 kilograms) of

This time the applause did not Immigration to Israel Is Up begin nn the front benches, but in the rear, where the provincial officials were sitting.

"What Ceausescu showed was that at least he was not totally out nf touch with the people's anger, said a foreign analyst. "Everyone thought he was isolated and did not understand how much the Roma-

Whether Mr. Ceausescu would Shoring Up a Key

rounding seabed contains deposits of manganese and cobalt.

But none of that will mean much if the island disappears. Its major problem is that it lies in

an area that the Japanese have duhbed "Typhoon Ginza," a center of relentless storms that send 60foot waves pounding against Okinotorishima's twin boulders. By now, they barely endure, two bumps lying 1,400 yards apart and sticking no more than two fect out France but isn't." of the water at high tide.

Still in the Middle (Continued from Page 1)

some of the first German factories

erected in the region.

But then one saw that the Germans were investing and the French were not," he said, "and one said, Why refuse?"

Alphonse Trocstler, a 36-year-

old historian and mayor of the town of Rosheim, said, "Instead of being a French spearhead for the penetration of Germany, Alsace has become the site of the German penetration of France."
Belatedly, Paris has grasped

what is happening in Alsace. "Now there is talk of a Pranco-German army — the context is suddenly different — and now the government wants suddenly to promote the study of German," said Mr. Troestler, an energetic proponent of a bilingual Alsace. But German is oot a foreign language; it is our nguage."

Strasbourg has a vocation even larger than a crucible of understanding between two ancient foes, Germany and France. The city is battling to retain its claim to be "the capital of Europe" — or at least one of Europe's capitals — as both the European Parliament and the Council of Europe hold their sessions in Strasbourg.

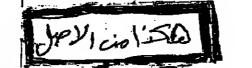
But the construction of new parliamentary quarters in Brussels has Strasbourg worried that the Euro-pean Parliament might vote to move to the Belgian capital, which is already the heart of European Community activity.

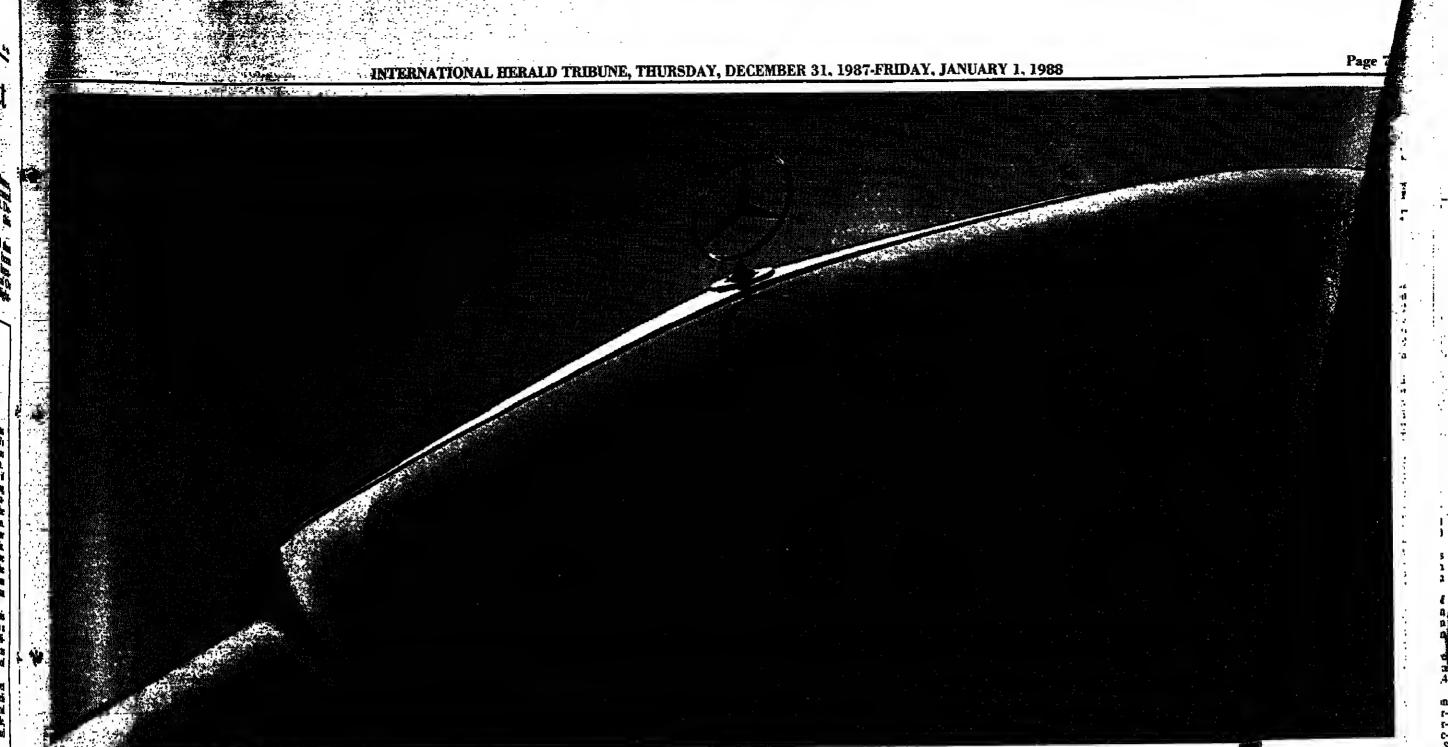
Over lunch in a 14th-century restaurant next to Strasbourg's magnificent cathedral, Alain Howiller, the editor of Dernieres Nouvelles, said Alsace was "a region that wants to be loved by the rest of

"We are a little too French for There is no way to guarantee the the Germans and a little too Gerdurability of his work, Mr. Waki man for the French," said Mr. noted. "This should last 50 to 100 Howiller, who contended that Algrant Absorption said Wednesday. years, like any other steel and con- sace should become imequivocally But of the 8,080 Jews allowed to crete work," be said. "But I really French. "Maybe it is better to make understand how much the Romanian people were hurning from his policies."

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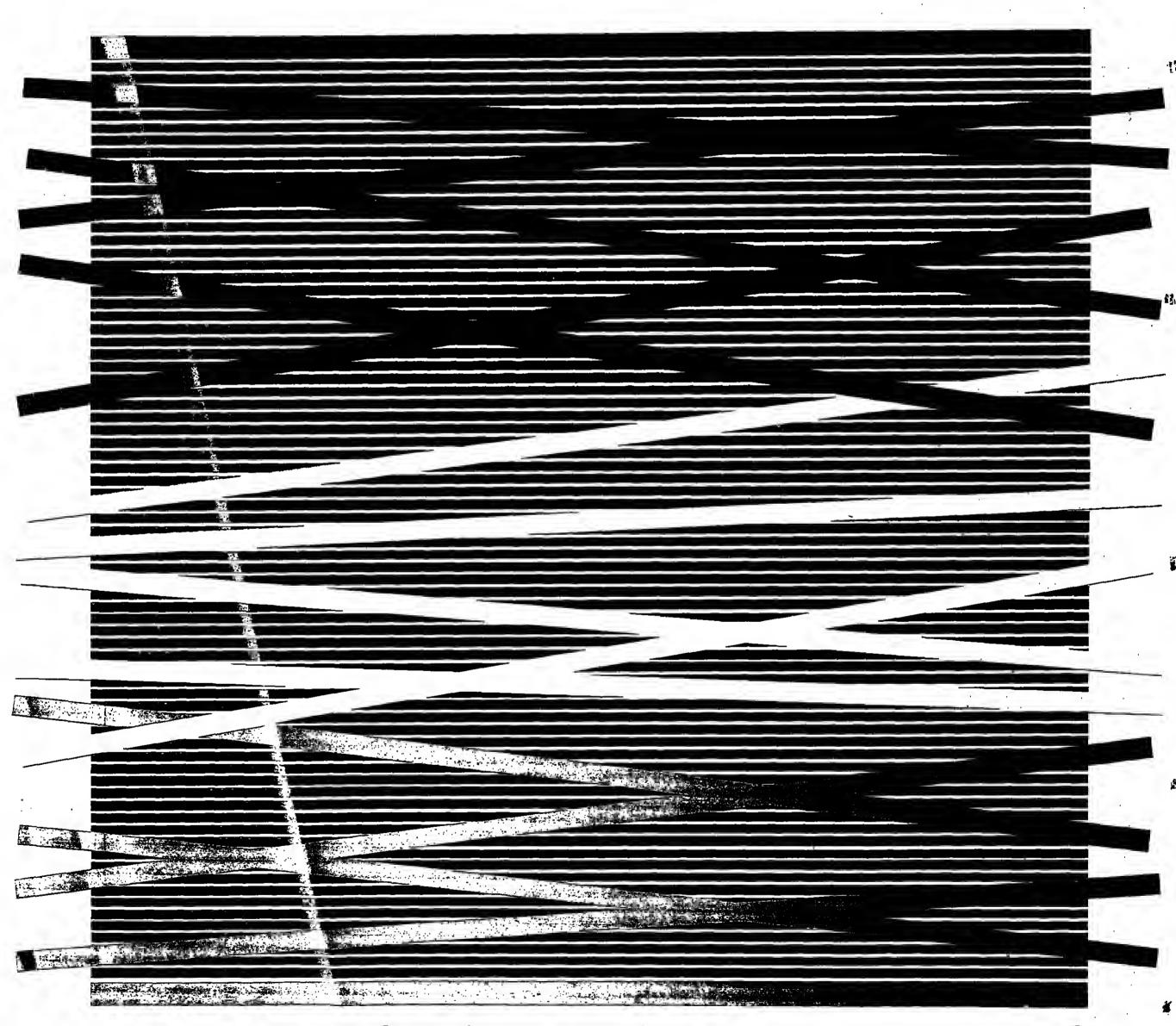
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THE FINE ART OF FLYING

by Jesus Soto



Air France recently commissioned a series of artists to capture its new spirit: The Fine Art of Flying. This composition titled, Linear Movement, was conceived by the Venezuelan artist and world traveller Jesus Soto. His work, exploring matter, space and their relationship with time, is on permanent exhibition in many museums around the world.

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SCIENCE

New Prostate Surgery Protects Sex Potency

By Walter Sullivan Service Tomes Service

TECHNIQUE for surgery in can a oid the procedure's most feured side effect; impotence.

The advance was made possible by the discovery that the microscopic nerves that control erections pass near the prostate in a bundle. In the past, removal of a cancerous prostate usually severed those

The operation was devised in 1982 by Dr. Patrick Walsh of Johns Flopkins University, where the procedure has been performed about

The approach has gained wide acceptance among surgeons. If they remove the immorenitely, the cancer snow! "at reappear, whereas may leave me cancer cells still active. Radiologists uply that surgers, too, may overlook cancer

whether one approach is superior to the other. A comparative survey among as many as 100 medical centers is being organized.

tients to opt for radiation. Dr. Geraid Murphy, now at the State University of New York in Buffalo. found in a survey of 30,000 cases. between 1974 and 1984 that 3,000 patients elected to have surgery but that twice as many chose a day tion treatment.

The rest either avoided action. elected a combination of strategies or, because the cancer had soread. cancer's spread.

The nerve-sparing procedure is too new to be reflected in such necessary to remove the other part. statistics. Dr. Murphy said. The The greatly increases the chances new technique, like radiation therapy, leaves two-thirds of the patients potent. They are not fertile, however, because the prostate produces the seminal fluid that carries sperm, [Radiation has the same ef- blood vessels. The nerves' function feet on fertility in many but not all

in the past, removal of the prostate often a used permanent loss of tion biadder or bowel control. Both functions are controlled by muscles cione to the prostate.

urethra exits from the bladder. The erection. Walsh noted that on rare prostate cancer is moving into new surgical procedure makes it occasions patients came through sudespread use as doctors find it easier to reattach the urethra to the the old procedure with no potency bladder once the prostate has been loss. removed, according to Dr. William Fair, urologist at the Memorial Sloan-Ketteriog Cancer Center in

> In most men, the prostate gland begins to enlarge after age 45, but excess tissue can often be removed without loss of potency.

Prostate cancer is diagnosed in about 96,000 American men a year: more die from it than from any other cancer except those of the lungs and colon. Because the prostate is deep within the abdominal cavity, tumors there are difficult to detect early. In a number of prostate cancer cases, the disease has spread to other organs, such as the bones, before its presence becomes

The traditional detection meth-It remains to be determined od is for a physician to insert a gloved finger into the rectum and feel for a dense area inside the prostate. A considerable percentage of cancers can be missed by this Fear that surgery would lead to impotence has led a number of particular to the part

yet achieved general acceptance. Prostate cancers grow slowly and may not threaten health for many years. When a man is 75 or older, doctors may decide to leave a prostate tunior untreated on the theory that the patient is more likely to die of some other cause before the tumor becomes a problem.

In a typical operation, the body swity is entered through the lower were treated so that production of abdomen. Lymph nodes that drain the male hormone, testosterone, the prostate area are removed and was halted, which seems to slow the crammed to see if the cancer has spread. If only one lobe of the prostale is contaminated, it may not be that potency will be retained, since only one of the duplicate nerve systems seems necessary.

> The nerves are embedded in a neutry ascular bundle that includes was confirmed when the bundle was samulated electrically during an operation, producing an erec-

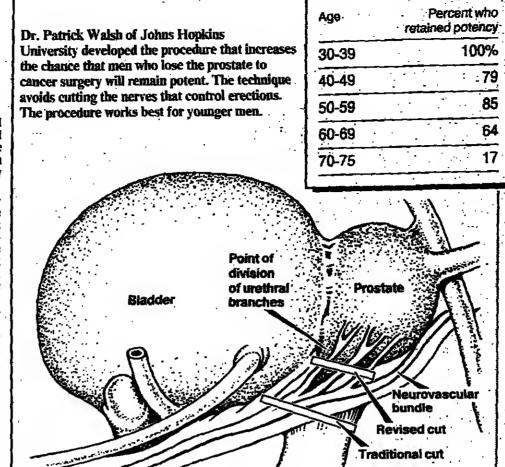
Dr. Walsh and, much earlier, Dr. Alex L. Finkle of the University of California School of Medicine in

tate gland is wrapped around the surgery during prostate removal urine duct, or urethra, where the damaged nerves that controlled

> On a 1981 visit to the University of Leiden in the Netherlands, he watched Dr. Pieter Donker dissect nerves of stillborn infants that control bladder function, Infants were chosen because the nerve libers at so early a stage are not embedded within fatty tissue and can still be traced. It occurred to both men that these nerves might also affect mature sexual activity.

For patients who choose the new surgical technique, the return to potency may take as much as a year. They may also suffer tempo-

The operation is performed at many major medical centers including the Columbia University Preshyterian Hospital and the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital in New York, the Brigham and Wom-en's Hospital in Boston and the Johns Hopkins University Hospital



Hark Sun/The New York Times

Scientists Find New Gravity Forces

By John Noble Willord New York Times Service

Ping surprise in their search for more evidence of a possible fifth force in nature. They believe they have detected a sixth force.

For decades scientists have lived happily with four fundamental forces: gravity, electromagnetism, the strong force that holds the nucleus of an atom together and the weak one that causes some atoms to break down in radioac-

Some bold scientists even contemplated a rand unifying theory in which three and perhaps all four forces were seen as manifestations of a single force. Then evidence of a fifth force, believed to conoteract gravity, was found. The latest findings now indicate a force that has the opposite effect: It seems to enhance gravity.

U.S. Air Force geophysicists made measure-ments recently that revealed what they said was the first indication of an additional attractive force that slightly increases the effect of gravity beyond what would be predicted by Newton's laws. They concluded. "A clear pattern emerged indicating that not only is there a fifth force, but there is a sixth force as well."

Other scientists said the measurements In a idition, the two-looked pros- Sun Francisco had suspected that seemed to be so precise and careful, and the

magnitude of the effect so significant, as to rule out the possibility of error. Whether there are indeed two additional

forces remains to be proved, scientists said. Two years ago, physicists led by Ephraim Fischbach of Purdue University reported anomalies in earlier experiments that they said were evidence of an unrecognized force that counteracts gravity. The force is weak and oper-

ates only at ranges up to a few thousand feet This has become known as the fifth force. Although some subsequent tests failed to detect this force, other experiments not only produced positive results but also led physicists to believe that the strength of the fifth force depended on the chemical composition of the

substances rather than on mass alone. Scientists from the Air Force Geophysics Laboratory at Hanscom Air Force Base in Massachusetts decided to investigate, in part because the force, if it exists, could have some effect on the trajectory of missiles that depend on inertial guidance systems.

The team made precise measurements with a gravity meter on and around a 2,000-foot television tower in North Carolina. Measurements on the ground were adjusted to account for gravitational effects from the sun, moon, air, ground water and the tower itself. They were

used to predict how the force of gravity should diminish at higher elevations on the tower. Then gravity readings were taken at regular intervals all the way to the top of the tower.

"Our attitude at the start was, "Let's show that the fifth force is wrong," Donald H. Eckhardt, director of earth sciences at the laboratory, said. "In fact, we did find something in the data that differed from predictions. There it is, we thought, there's the fifth force, the repulsive force. Wait a minute. We looked more carefully and saw it was an added attractive force we were detecting

In a report at a conference of the American Geophysical Union earlier this month, the air force scientists said they detected "a significant departure" of up to 5 parts per 10 million in the avity strength beyond what was predicted, The effect was about 10 times larger than what

could be attributed to uncertainty, they said.

Dr. Eckhardt said that in the first 100 feet or so the repulsive, or fifth, force appeared to be dominant. At higher elevations the attractive, force was more evident, until its strength dimin-

ished at the lop of the tower. Dr. Fischbach, whose research inspired the new thinking and experimentation on gravity. said the new discovery suggested that "our ideas so far have been too simplistic."

IN BRIEF

Rare Animal Gets Fancy Dentistry

CHEYENNE, Wyoming (UPI) - One of the black-footed ferrets in the captive breeding program is now the rarest animal ever to have a tooth fitted with a gold crown, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department said.

A department spokesman said the dentistry was performed recently on a male ferret with a broken and abscessed canine touth, requiring a root canal and gold crown to prevent infection. The operation took place at the department's Sybille Wildlife Research Center.

Twenty-five black-footed ferrets, the only ones known to be in existence, are boused at Sybille. Eighteen were trapped from a colony in late 1985 and early 1986 after an outbreak of canine distemper threatened to destroy it. The other seven were born in captivity this spring

Decline Noted in U.S. Alcohol Abuse

WASHINGTON (NYT) - A national campaign to reduce the death and suffering from alcohol abuse seems to be working for adults, with alcoholic consumption dropping drinking related traffic fatalities decreasing and more people becoming aware that alcohol and pregnancy

But officials stress that the problem remains massive and that the nation is slipping in at least one key area: Efforts to limit drinking among teen-agers and young adults have largely failed. The hattle to care use by young people of the nation's primary recreational drug is being lost in part because of conflicting messages about alcohol they receive from

advertising, from peers and from society as a whole, officials say.

The good oews is that, as a society, in the 1980s we've become much more concerned about our lifestyles and improving our health. Loran Archer, deputy director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, said in an interview.

Meteorite Yields Clue to Solar System

NEW YORK (NYT) - Scientists have detected grains of silicon carbide in a meteorite and say they believe the discovery strongly reinforces the theory that the solar system formed partly from the debris

Manufactured silicon carbide is a common industrial abrasive but until now the substance had not been found in meteorites. Physicists and themists at Washington University in St. Louis, the University of Chicago and the Monsanto Co. made the discovery while analyzing fragments of the Murray meteorite, which fell in western Kentocky 3

years ago.

The scientists reported in the British journal Nature that the chemical composition of the meteorite appeared to be extremely primitive, consisting of substances older than the solar system itself. The scientists suggested that the microscopic grains of silicon carbide they found were probably formed in the atmosphere of one or more red dwarf stars. Red giants eventually explode as supernovas, burling their vaporized substance ioto interstellar space. Our solar system is believed to have swept up some of this debris, providing most of the material from which the Earth is made.

Cuneiform Archive Found in Syria

NEW YORK (AP) — A collection of 1,100 clay tablets and scal impressions found in Syria is the largest body of written information recovered from the ancient city-states of northern Mesopotamia in more

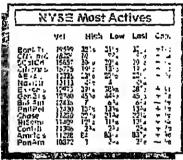
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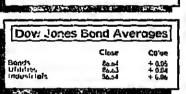
Translations of about 300 of the tablets describe spying among rival city-states and the use of horse-mounted troops to quell disturbances caused by brigands in the countryside threatening the cities, said Harvey Weiss of Yale University, leader of the expedition that discovered the

Dr. Weiss said the tablets comprise the largest collection of written material found in northern Mesopotamia since 1933, when French archaeologists discovered a huge cuneiform archive at the ancient city of

Mari on the Euphrates River.

The tablets were inscribed between about 1740 B.C. to 1725 B.C.. roughly the time when Hammurahi was issuing his famous code of laws in the southern Mesopotamian city-state of Babylon, said Dr. Weiss; an associate professor. The tablets, like the Code of Hammurabi, are written in the old Babylonian dialect of the Akkadian language and recorded in cuneiform script.



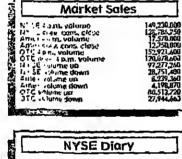


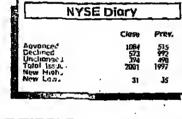
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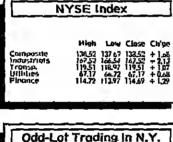
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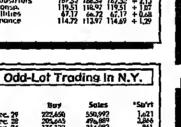
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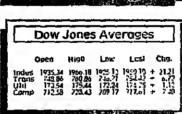


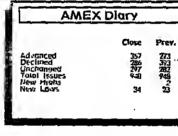


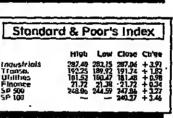


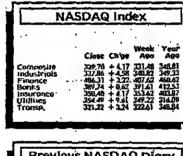


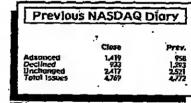


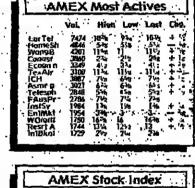












SE Reverses 3-Day Decline

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NEW YORK — Prices on the New York Stock Exchange moved higher in light trading Wednesda, breaking a string of three consecutive losing sessions.

The Dow tones industrial average, which had fallen 16.08 points Tuesday, rose 23.21 to close at 1950.10. It jumped 20 points in the opening minutes of Wednesday's session.

"It ran up at the open and then just stopped," said Rodd Anderson, vice president in equity trading at Shearson Lehman Brothers Inc. "The market looks like at vold out. There are out a lot of stocks around for sale."

Broad-market indexes also advanced. The New York Stock I vehange index rose 1.68 to 138.52. Standard & Chor's 500-stock index rose 3.27 to 247.86. The present part of sales?

3.27 to 247.86. The average share price gained 37 cents.

Advances led declines by a ratio of slightly more than 2-1 among the 1,987 issues traded. Volume totaled 149 million shares, compared with the million traded Totales. with 111 million traded Tuesday. Mr. Anderson said the market had "a real nice tone" and those in the market were looking around for bargains ahead of an anticipated rise

"it looks like it is setting up that way." Mr. Anderson said. "We just don't see a lot of stuff

"To some degree it was tied to a steadier dullar." said Hildegard Zagorski of Prudential-Bache Securities Inc. "But you began to see the seeds of today sown yesterday. Even though the Dow ended with a decline, the rest of the market

didn't act too badly."

Ms. Zagorski said the declines on Monday

and Tuesday suggested that the market was over-extended and was due for a consolidation.

However. "We have probably retraced enough." Ms. Zagorski said. "Things are getting ready to do better in January. I don't think you'll get anything really dramatic over today and tomorrow. We won't come back to the real world until next week."

Despite the low volume of stocks traded Wednesday was the busiest session of the week so far. Many investors had opted to take the

"What happens is that we get some random action on low volume," said Michael Metz of Oppenheimer & Co.

The selling of the earlier sessions had been hlamed, at least partially, on concern about inflation and worries that foreign investors would hasten their departure from dollar-denominated securities as the dollar fell to new lows, analysts said.

Bankers Trust was the most active NYSE-

Bankers Trust was the most active NTSE-listed issue, up 1% to 32%.

Chemical New York preferred C followed, ahead ½ to 9%. Southern California Edison was third, up ¼ to 38%. AT&T was up ¾ to 27%. Citicorp rose ½ to 19%. IBM gained 1 to 117. Digital Equipment was up 3½ to 137%.
Among other blue chips, Merck was up 3 to 58%, American Express was up % to 23!s,

Kodak was up 134 to 50 and Exxon was up 12 to Prices were higher in active trading on the American Stock Exchange.

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WALL STREET WATCH

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What the Fund Managers Like for the New Year

By VARTANIG G. VARTAN

EW YORK — With a disquieting investment year drawing to an end, market professionals are mulling over their candidates for favored stocks in 1988. A general theme is the prospect for increased earnings. over the next two years. The latest stock recommendations range from Service Corp. International, a funeral services company known for its stability, to Union Camp, a paper producer that has benefited from the dollar's decline.

"At these prices, I like the Ogilvy Group, which happens to be an old favorite of mine," said Scott M. Black, president of Delphi Management Inc. in Boston. "As an advertising agency group, it enjoys a good mix of domestic and foreign business. And Ogilvy is about as close as you Among the picks

were W.R. Berkley,

an insurance firm,

and Jostens, which

can get to a great business lling at virtually z singledigit price carnings multiple." Ogilvy posted earnings of \$130 a share last year, and Mr. Black, whose firm man-ages \$500 million, estimates

makes class rings. its profit at \$2.20 a share this
year and \$2.55 in 1988. Buoyed by takeover rumors that never
painned out, Ogilvy reached a high of \$45.25 in August and then
plummeted during the October market collapse. Its shares were

unchanged Tuesday at \$23.25. W.R. Berkley, a fire-and-casualty insurance company that also ristraded over the counter, is one choice of William G. Garrison, president of Garrison, Keogh & Co. in New York, "I view Berkley as an asset play," he said. "The stock sells at just over \$23 a share, and I estimate that Berkley will earn \$4.25 a share in 1987

and \$5.25 next year." Earnings in 1986 were \$2.40 a share.
Mr. Garrison, whose firm manages \$250 million, also likes
Jostens Inc., which he described as "a quality company with a

Jostens Inc., which he described as "a quality company with a very good balance sheet and modest long-term debt." Jostens is the leading producer of class rings, yearbooks, graduation announcements and diplomas. Its shares gained 12.5 cents Tuesday, to \$17.625, on the New York Stock Exchange.

"One area that appeals to us is the middle-sized company that has imderperformed the market since mid-1986," said Thomas Hodgman, president of Portfolio Group Inc., an independent unit of Chemical New York Corp. It manages \$2 billion in stocks and fixed-income investments, mostly for individual clients.

ERVICE Corp. International, "a company that is interesting for its stability and is one step removed from the economic cycle, is an example of what we like," Mr. Hodgman said. Service Corp., the largest publicly owned funeral service and cemetery company, dipped 25 cents on Tuesday, to \$22,375. In its fiscal year ended April 30, the company earned \$1.21 a share. Mr. Hodgman expects profit to reach \$1.50 per share in the current fiscal year and \$1.80 the following year. Oil stocks, reflecting the recent weakness in crude prices, are

not particular favorites, not particular favorites,

Byron R. Wien, a domestic stock strategist for Morgan Stanley & Co., is partial to two paper producers, Union Camp and Stone Container. "The United States has recaptured its export markets for liner board," he said. "These companies are beneficiaries of the decline in the dollar and, if we avoid a recession in 1988, they should do extremely well." Union Camp fell 87.5 cents Tuesday, to \$35.25, while Stone Container gained 25 cents, to \$36.875.

Paine Webber Inc. has picked 21 stocks that is says are likely to be "attractive investment opportunities for the coming year."

be "attractive investment opportunities for the coming year."
Those stocks are: Advanced Micro Devices. American Exoress. Ashton Tate, Digital Equipment, General Motors, Merrill Lynch, Owens-Corning Fiberglass, Pier I, Prime Motor Inns, Squibb, USF&G, Allied-Signal, AMR Corp., Chrysler, First Wachovia, K mart, J.P.-Morgan, Philip Morris, Prime Computer, Sara Lee and Union Pacific.

Grand Met Bids for Martell

Company Valued At 3.7 Billion FF

Compiled by Our Stuff From Disputches LONDON - Grand Metropoliian PLC opened a bidding war Wednesday for Mariell & Compagnie, saying it was making a offer that values the prestigious cognac house at 3.7 billion French francs (about \$685 million).

Grand Mei, a large British food, beverage and hotel company, said it was offering 2,675 francs a share for the roughly 80.1 percent of Martell that it doesn't already own.

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Martell is also the target of a takeover bid from Mumm & Compagnie, a subsidiary of Seagram Co., which announced an agreement Dec. 16 to buy 40 percent of Martell from the Martell family for 2,500 francs a share, or 1.49 billion francs. That purchase would give Seagram, a big Canadian distiller, control of 52 percent of Martell.

Grand Metropolitan has said the

Grand Metropolitan has said the agreement between Seagram and Martell may have violated rules covering the sale of shares in French companies listed on the stock exchange. A clause in French stock-trading law says all share-bolders, not just family founders, must be consulted in such cases.

Grand Metropolitan said it notified the Paris Bourse on Dec. 24 of its intention to make an offer for Martell. It said its offer was open to all Marteli shareholders and would have to be accepted by holders of at least 51 percent of Martell's shares.

A spokesman for Grand Metropolitan, maker of Gilbey's gin, Croft port and Smirnolf vodka, said be wasn't aware of any talks with Martell about the new offer. Grand Metropolitan's Interna-

tional Distillers & Vintners subsid-

iary signed a joint distribution agreement with Martell in July. In Toronto, a Seagram spokesthe counterbid that Seagram's managers remained hopeful "that the French government will view

this agreement as positively as our

two family firms intend it to be." The Grand Met spokesman said the Paris Bourse and Britain's Treasury Department allowed its offer, but the authorities haven't made a final decision on whether they will allow the offer to proceed. (Reuters, AP)



Oil workers on an offshore drilling platform.

Hopes Fade in Oil Service Industry **OPEC Discord Dampens Chances of New Exploration**

By Thomas. C. Hayes

New York Times Service

DALLAS — After three years of staggering losses, executives in the oilfield service industry thought that the worst was finally over last summer. Oil prices went as high as \$22 a barrel and exploration for new oil in the United States began to accelerate, increasing the demand for the drilling rigs, casing, pipe and other equipment and services needed to find and produce new reserves.

Further helped by a surge in foreign orders, many members of the industry — including Schlumherger Ltd., Halliburtoo Co. and Dresser Industries — returned to profitability. Many exec-udves confidently predicted that a \$10-billion reduction in operating costs since 1985 would enable the industry as a whole to turn a profit in 1988. Now they are not so certain. The bopes that better days were at hand dwindled a couple of

weeks ago, when oil prices suddenly slumped after the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries could not persuade all its members to go along with a plan to limit their production.

The price of the American benchmark crude oil,

West Texas Intermediate, dropped by more than \$4, to below \$15 a barrel. Although it now sells for around \$17, that is still below the \$19 of four weeks

ago.

Even if oil prices average only \$15 a barrel next year, the oilfield service industry stands to break even, many in the industry say. That is partly because of belt tightening, hankrupteres of some competitors and consolidations among others over the past two years. For example, Baker Hughes Baker International Inc. and Hughes Tool Co., says it has reduced its annual operating costs by \$85 million by cutting its staff and achieving other

With oil at \$15 a barrel, the number of rigs used to drill for new oil in the United States — a key measure of the industry's health — would average about 950 in 1988, according to the American Petroleum Institute, a trade group.

A comparison with 1987 figures reflects the

industry's progress in lowering costs and narrow-ing losses. In 1987, when the drilling-rig average was 936, or only 14 below the projected break-even average for next year, the 95 public companies in the industry had losses of 4 cents on every dollar of sales, according to estimates by Simmons & Co.
International, a Houston investment bank, Collectively, these companies bave suffered losses of \$11.4 billion in the past three years, Simmons said.

Should oil prices rebound to \$18 a barrel in 1988, the number of rigs would probably average 1.100 to 1.200. The total in operation Monday was 1,145, still close to the year's peak of 1,181 two weeks ago and far above the low of 744 on May 10. While the figure at \$18 a barrel would still be way below the peak of 4,500 in 1981, it would be high enough for most companies in the industry to

But rather than expecting prices to return to \$18 barrel, some analysis say overproduction by OPEC members makes it more likely that prices will sink to as low as \$12 within a few months. We expect prices to soften in late January and February, to around \$12 or \$13, and stay there for some period," said Dennis Eklof, a director of Cambridge Energy Research Associates, a consulting concero in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

If prices average \$15 a barrel or less into the summer, another wave of consolidation, through mergers and joint ventures, will probably sweep the industry, analysts and executives predict.

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Saudis to Issue **Bonds in Effort** To Cut Deficit

Arabia unveiled plans Wednesday nuually since 1984. strains on its foreign reserves.

would be authorized to borrow up their face value to provide a returo to 30 billion riyals (\$8 billion) in to investors. 1988 by issuing bonds.

In a broadcast speech, King this was mainly to regulate liquid-Fahd told his countrymen that the huge revenues that flowed into
Saudi Arabia during the oil boom
of the 1970s had been slashed by

The deficit will be almost covered by the new bonds, with the
remainder coming from reserves. declining world oil prices.

"The changes in the petroleum situation and the reduction in the country's revenue to one-fifth of what it was a few years ago" led the government to seek ways of keep-ing spending at a level "commensurate with continued national economic development," be said.

Unveiling the 1988 budget, the king said that the government would curb spending to 141.2 billion rivals, a 17 percent cut from 170 billion riyals in 1987.

The government projects revenue at 105.3 billion riyals, 10 percent lower than in 1987. That would result in a deficit of 35.9 million rivals, or about \$9.6 billion. released.

Staft From Disputches Saudi Arabia's deficits bave been MANAMA. Bahrain - Saudi running at about \$13 billion an-

to borrow for the first time since Economists believe the bonds the early 1960s in an attempt to will be offered only within the kingtrim its budget deficit and ease dom and not to foreign investors. Because Islamic law forbids inter-King Fahd, quoted by the Saudi est payments, the bonds were ex-Press Agency, said the government pected to be issued at a discount to

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Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, bas incurred no major deht since the early 1960s, when overborrowing from the previous decade caused a financial and political crisis.

Oil industry experts estimate oil revenues for the current year at roughly 65.2 billion riyals, or \$17.4 billion. The government has not yet provided figures on the kingdom's fiscal performance in 1987.

Fahd said that although overall expenditures would be curbed in 1988, military spending would be high because of the unstable situation in the Gulf. Details were not

NYSE Report Suggests Limiting Computer Role

NEW YORK — Computerized ments on stock index futures; and program trading, a factor widely consolidating regulatory authority blamed for the Wall Street stock over all U.S. markets that trade market collapse, should be limited. and the government's regulatory machinery should be updated to deal with it, a New York Stock Exchange study said Wednesday.

The report on market volatility, started before the Oct. 19 crash, will be submitted to the Brady

Among recommendations in the report were the creation of broadbased stock indexes at the NYSE: changing settlement procedures as

financial instruments.

ft said that fragmented government regulation of the market should be grouped into a single federal agency for all securities and fotures trading.

Policing of the markets is now divided between the Securities and Commission appointed by President Ronald Reagan to study the causes of the 508-point drop.

Exchange Commission, which handles stocks, and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, gov-

erning futures markets. lotermarket trading of futures and stocks, especially program trading, had been blamed for exacerbatiog the October crash and led

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to calls for coordinated regulation. "The problems are not caused by programs," the study said. "The programs result in problems, however, because different markets, having different purposes, tradi-

tions and rules, interact with each other." The study, conducted by a former U.S. attorney general, Nichn-las D. Katzenbach, said program

trading was not responsible for loog-term harm to the markets. Program trading is a rapid-fire that combines stocks and financial

computer-directed trading strategy futures contracts. The rise of stock futures and options, negotiable agreements to buy big blocks of stocks in the future with little money down, has been blamed for making the market more volatile.

"A serious political problem would be created if people had the impression, true or mistaken, that savings and pension expectations were simply stake funds for profes-sional gamblers," the report said.

The current system "cannot but (Reuters, UPI) term investment returns.

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Mexican Debt Plan Looks Attractive for Big, Strong Banks In Europe on Wednesday, bankers largely rest?" be asked. "The best thing about it is refrained from comment, saying that they that it would improve the quality of the

NEW YORK - U.S. banks with a strong capital base are the most likely to participate in Mexico's novel proposal to reduce its debt burden, analysts say.

Under the plan, announced Tuesday, Mexico would issue 20-year bonds secured by U.S. government bonds. Mexico's bank creditors could buy the bonds by exchanging existing loans to Mexico at a discount from their face value. Commercial banks have \$78 billion in Mexican loans.

Corp. and Citicorp," said Mark Alpert, an analyst at Bear Stearns Cos.

"The move helps the better big banks," said Richard Fredericks at Montgomery Se-

Under the deal, expected to be completed by the end of the first quarter of 1988, U.S. and foreign banks will submit bids at auction

bank. The plan was put together by J.P. Morgan and the Mexican government. Regional U.S. banks and banks outside

larger reserves against developing country London Stock Exchange. loans and which may bave taken larger writeoffs of Mexican debt than U.S. money center bidders. They will accept higher discounts, taking fewer cents on the dollar, than would banks without the carnings, capital or reserves to absorb losses.

Many analysts expect the regional and "Banks with the strongest equity bases, like J.P. Morgan & Co., will be able to participate, as will Bankers Trust New York some banks may prefer to sell their loans non-U.S. banks to bid the price below 50 cents on the dollar. Should this happen. privately for slightly more money on the condary developing country loan market. Regional U.S. banks bold a small portion

of the ebgible Mexican debt, so they will have limited ability to push the prices down. Analysis were surprised that non-U.S. banks were allowed to participate in the deal. They said these banks, some of which had reserves for 80 percent of the toans, could for Mexican bonds to cover part or all of accept 20 cents on the dollar and still break their debt at a discount specified by the even.

were awaiting further details, but the an- credit." the United States, many of which have made nouncement boosted bank shares on the

A Mexican Embassy official in London said the plan's success rested in part on banks, are likely to be the more aggressive whether regulatory bodies considered the oew loans a Mexican risk or a U.S. risk. If Fox-Pirt Kelton said it could would be, that they are judged a U.S. risk, regulatory bodies like the Federal Reserve and the Bank of England may oot require banks to make provisions against the new debt.

If the debt sells for a 50 percent discount, Mexico will save \$18 billion in interest pay-ments over the life of the bonds. That is about \$900 million a year if the entire \$10 hillion of Mexican bonds are traded for Mexican debt.

Donald Crowley, a bank analyst for Keefe, Bruyette & Woods Inc. in San Francisco, questioned the value of accepting a bond in exchange for a potentially more valuable old loan

loans, how will my accountants look at the course of action."

lo earlier deals iovolving the redemption of debt, Mexico has accepted 85 cents on the

dollar in many cases, less of a discount than the current 50 cept secondary market price. If the bidding is tough, as Felice Gelman at discount would grow. "Money centers will bid, and the discount will be substantial," she said. "It has to be attractive to Mexico. It has to take into

> greater liquidity, a better credit risk, and a beiter spread." "Mexico will want to buy at the cheapest price, so it is not a market price, but a matter

> consideration that the bonds offer banks

of how badly the banks want out," said Mr. Alpert at Bear Steams. Manufacturers Hanover Corp.'s chair-

man, John F. McGillicuddy, said the plan offered a "market-oriented framework withaluable old loan.

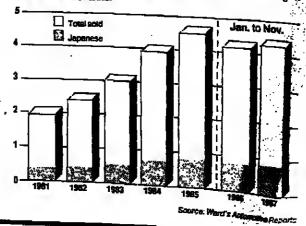
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Shopping for a Jeep in a Michigan showroom.

The Japanese Lose Ground In U.S. Sales of Light Trucks

In the first 10 months of this year, imports from Japan of mini-vans, sport utility vehicles and pickups fell to 17.3 percent of total U.S. sales, from 19.1 percent for all of 1986. For November, month-to-month sales of imported Japaness trucks dropped 32 percent from the previous year. Shown: Japan's share of the total U.S. msrket for light.



Minivans, Pickups Lift Flagging U.S. Automakers Trucks' Popularity Gives Industry a New Chance in Battle With Japanese

By John Holusha

New York Times Service DETROIT - Parking lots at schools are crowded with mothers in minivans picking up their children. Young executives park their BMWs and Volvos on weekends to drive their Jeeps to the country club or their vacation

Few drivers these day may think of minivans, Jeeps and pickups as trucks. But millions of consumers — particularly younger, more affluent ones — find such vehicles to be attractive, stylish substitutes for cars.

Options that were found on luxury cars only a few years ago - such as premium sound systems, power windows and sophisticated climate controls - are commonplace on the new generation of trucks. In 1980, trucks accounted for one in five light vehicle sales; in 1987, one truck will have been purchased for every two cars sold.

This shift in taste appears to be presenting General Motors, Ford Motor and Chrysler with n s second chance to reclaim some of the buyers they have lost to Japanese companies. Japanese automakers have largely managed to hold their share of the U.S. car market, at 25 percent or so, even though the rising value of the yen has forced them to raise prices. But the Japanese have begun to retreat in the truck market in the face of attractive, competitively priced new models from Detroit. During the first 10 months of 1987, the

Japanese share of the light-truck market de-

clined to 17.3 percent, from 19.1 percent for

all of 1986, according to Montgomery Securi-

ties, In November, sales of imported Japa-

previous year.

According to a survey by J.D. Power &

Associates, a market research firm, the median age of buyers of sport-utility vehicles such as Jeeps is 34.9, while that of minivan buyers is 37.9. That of many domestic car lines is

Because many younger customers are buy-

Unlike U.S.-made cars, 'domestic trucks never developed a poor reputation for quality.

> - Maryann N. Keller An automotive analyst

ing shoddy gas guzzlers, as they have had to However predisposed this group has been to the foreign car, some emerging evidence suggests they may be persuaded to try a U.S.-made truck," Maryann N. Keiler, an analyst with Furman Selz Mager Dietz & Birney,

ing a truck for the first time, U.S. companies

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Most of the growth in light trucks has come from minivans, sport utility vehicles and compact pickup trucks, vehicles that most of

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nese trucks dropped 32 percent from the previous year. the domestic industry did not even produce at the beginning of the decade. More than 500,000 of each are now sold a year.

Chrysler Corp. was the pioneer of the minivan with its car-like, front-wheel-drive Plymouth Voyager and Dodge Caravan models. It continues to lead the field with a 44 percent share of the minivan market. General Motors Corp., which trails with a 27 percent share is rushing a front-wheel-drive "all-ourpose vehicle" into the market before the end of the decade, and Ford Motor Co., with 24 percent, is negotiating with Nissan Motor Co. to produce jointly a mini-van.

GM leads in the compact sport-utility segment with a 29 percent share, although the most famous name, Jeep, now belongs to Chrysler. Ford leads in the compact pickup market, holding a 21 percent share, and this vear displaced Toyota Motor Corp., which fell five percentage points, to 17.3 percent of

Industry analysts and executives attribute the falling market share of imports mainly to the lack of competitive Japanese mini-vans. restricted availability of sport utilities and price increases made to compensate for the rising value of the yen. The lowest-priced Toyota pickup, at

\$7,208, is \$315 more than a comparable Ford Ranger and \$613 higher than the base Chevroles \$-10 pickup. Early in 1987, the base Toyota pickup listed at \$6,598. U.S. truck executives estimate that Japanese truck prices increased about 15 percent in a period when domestic prices rose 2 to 3 percent.

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NEW YORK — The dollar closed harely changed Wednesday in thin trading after concerted central bank intervention did little to alter bearistness on the currency.

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Helmut Schlesinger, the vice rest of the year," a British dealer president of the Bundesbank, or West German central bank, said in a television interview in Frankfurt that central banks of all of the Group of Seven industrialized nations had joined in "sizeable intervention since Monday to support the dollar.

"The statement has perhaps Janged the tone of the market for the day," one trader in New York said. The Group of Seven includes the United States, West Germany. Britain, Japan, France, Canada

The U.S. currency ended in New York at 1.5945 DM, unchanged from Tuesday's close, and at 123.35 yen, down slightly from 123.45. It fell to 5.3575 French francs from 5.4010, and rose to 1.290 Swiss francs from 1.288, It climbed against the British pound, which ended at \$1.8595, against \$1.8605

But bearishness on the dollar remained intense. The central banks raise interest rates if necessary to "just slowed people down tempo-rarily for the rest of the day and the government sources said.

London Dollar Rates

Traders were skeptical that the United States would do anything more than smooth the dollar's fall in 1988, a presidential election

Traders believe Washington is reluctant to raise interest rates, "even if this means letting the dollar take the strain for a while yet."

one bank economist said. Sources quoted by The Washington Post said Wednesday that leading West European governments want the United States to raise its interest rates to support the dollar if the currency falls further on world markets.

European finance ministers, led by the British chancellor of the Exchequer, Nigel Lawson, sought unsuccessfully to persuade Treasury Secretary James A. Baker 3d to pledge in last week's seven-nation conomic policy statement that the United States would be willing to

Mr. Baker refused, because of fears that higher U.S. interest rates would trigger a recession prior to the 1988 election, the sources quoted by the Post said.

After dropping to postwar lows this week, the dollar is likely to fall further in January unless the United States raises interest rates or takes other significant policy ac-tions such as trimming its budget deficit, economists and currency

traders say. The statement released Dec. 22 by the Group of Seven industrialized nations was officially aimed at stabilizing the dollar.

The comments by the European sources, however, suggested that the statement was not enough to allay the Europeans' aggravation over what one official called Washington's policy of "benign neglect"

toward its currency.

Mr. Schlesinger's remark that central hank intervention was an important part of the group's coordinated accords was seen as providing only a brief spurt of support for dollar Wednesday.

"As far as exchange markets go, talk is cheap," one dealer said, In earlier European trading, the dollar was fixed in Frankfurt at 1.5969 DM, up from 1.5945 DM Tuesday, and in Paris at 5.4135 French francs, up from 5.386. It closed in Zurich at 1.2918

Swiss francs, up from 1.2878. (WP, Reuters)

Soviets Create

Bank to Handle Hard Currency

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union has created a bank that will handle the country's re-serves of hard currency and deal on international markets, Tass reported Wednesday.

The news agency said the bank would open on Friday. Tass said that Yuri Moskovsky, 45, an adviser on banking and money matters to the Soviet Council of Ministers, would serve as chairman of the new institution, the Bank for Foreign Economic Activity.

The bank is being established under a reorganization of the banking system approved by the Council of Ministers in a resolution in July.

The resolution said that the bank would "guarantee the or-ganization and conduct of export-import and nontrade operthe "rational and economic use of the country's hard currency resources," and "the implementation of operations on the international curency and credit markets."

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PROFIT: The Dollar, in Its Plunge, Doesn't Make a Loser of Everybody

Continued from Page 1) huge debts in dollars could benefit from the dollar's fall if they had receipts in currencies that were now worth more, but few of them do. Mr. O'Brien and other economists said. The major debtor coun-tries in Latin America do most of their business in dollars, and some

of their currencies have fallen even faster than the dollar. Many developing country debtors are also exporters of commodities priced in dollars. "In a perfect world, commodity prices would go up by the same amount as the dol-lar falls, "said Patrick Foley, depury chief economic adviser to Lloyds Bank in London. But that doesn't

Newly industrialized countries, on the other hand, are widely seen as major beneficiaries of the dollar's fall - especially if, like South Korea and Taiwan, they have not allowed their currencies to rise against the dollar as much as those of their major competitors.

With far lower production costs than the United States, their exporters are benefiting sharply from the rise of other currencies, particularly the yen. Some economists be-lieve that the dollar's fall is boosting the trade surpluses of South Korea and Taiwan faster than it is

reducing the U.S. trade deficit. Exporters to the United States theoretically should be increasing their dollar prices, to earn the same

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U.S. vacations are now cutting prices, or offering rebates, to in-crease the volume of their business. But those profiting from the dolinr's woes can still come unstuck. Many of those selling the dollar forward have lost money, said one international economist, because they underestimated how far it would actually fail.

INDEX: Gauge of U.S. Economy Fell 1.7% in November

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down in growth of the money sup-ply, changes in raw materials prices, a rise in unemployment claims, a decline in the length of the manufacturing work week and a fall in contracts and orders for plant and equipment.

Two indicators made positive contributions. Increases were reported in orders for consumer goods and building permits.

Economists were split on wheththe index is signaling a recession. "It is certainly flashing a warning sign, but I am not ready to call a recession yet," said David Wyss of Data Resources Inc. of Lexington, Massachusetts. "I think we have a slowdown coming, and the chance that it could turn into a recession is

Mr. Wyss predicted that growth in the U.S. economy, as measured by the gross national product, would slow to a weak 1.6 percent annual rate next year, down sub-stantially from the 3.7 percent annual rate posted for the first nine

months of this year.

The Reagan administration, issuing its most pessimistic forecast since 1981, predicted last week that GNP growth would slow to 24 percent in 1988.

In its report on home sales, the Commerce Department said that new single-family dwellings were sold at a seasonally adjusted annoal rate of 664,000 units in November, down from a revised rate of 672,000 units in October.

The 1.2 percent drop was accompanied by a hig increase in prices. The median price of a new home

jumped 12.3 percent to \$119,000 last month, compared with \$106,000 in October.

Analysts, however, discounted much of the price increase. They noted that while sales were drop-ping in the South and Midwest, new-home purchases shot up 37.1 percent in the Northeast, the region

with the highest home prices.

Analysts said the weakness in sales probably reflected worries sbout the downturn in stock prices along with concern over the volatil-ity of mortgage rates.

Mortgage rates rose sharply just before the stock market collapse, only to decline in the weeks immediately following Oct. 19 as the Federal Reserve pumped money

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CHICAGO — The Commodity Funness Trading Commission has intensified its surveil-lance of the copper market since an impending shortage sent prices soaring, according to agen-

cy officials.

"We're well aware of what is going on in the copper market, and we're working closely with the exchanges to continue monitoring it." said John R. Mielke, the commission's director of market surveillance.

Although officials of the CFTC would neither confirm nor deny that it had begun a full-scale investigation of the copper market. Me

scale investigation of the copper market, Mr. Mielke said on Tuesday that the agency in-

Mielke said on Tuesday that the agency increased its surveillance last summer when prices began rising as supplies dwindled.

A year ago, copper was selling for about 60 cents a pound. By November it had risen to about \$1.05 a pound. In recent days copper prices have touched \$1.40 a pound, approaching their highest levels since 1980.

"Our principal concern is with the potential for price manipulation," Mr. Mielke said. But he declined to say whether the commission was looking into specific improprieties in the copper market.

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Terrence F. Martell, a senior vice president at the Commodity Exchange in New York, said, "We've seen no indication that prices are out of

"We've seen no indication that prices are out of line with reality."

The settlement price of the December contract, which expired Tuesday at the Comex, was \$1.36 a pound, off 0.75 cent, in light trading. "The December contract went off as quietly as a lamb," Mr. Martell said. The March futures contract closed at \$1.23 a pound, up 2.4 cents. The Comex, he said, has been cooperating with the CFTC since May to assure an orderly expiration of futures contracts as supplies shrink.

Exchange officials said there were sufficient copper inventories in their warehouses to cover

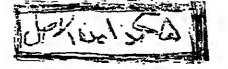
Exchange officials said there were sufficient copper inventories in their warehouses to cover deliveries on the expiring December contracts. Mr. Martell said that the exchange might experience a "modest additional decline" in its copper inventory, but he said he believed inventory levels had approached their lows.

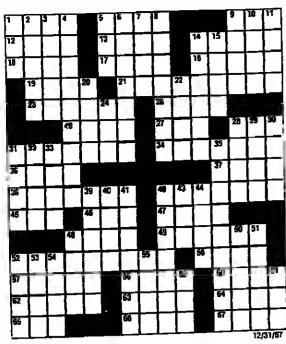
The Comex has 18,925 tons of copper in its warehouses — enough to cover 1,514 contracts. By comparison, the exchange had more than four times as much inventory in October.

four times as much inventory in October; 89,100 tons of copper, or enough to cover 7,128 contracts. The copper shortage is likely to continue through next summer, according to analysis.

Supplies have fallen because many American copper producers — shaken by strikes, work-force reductions and factory shutdowns during the 1980s —have scaled back their production. The fact that copper prices were depressed until last summer also encouraged them to cut back. Now, as a result, the supply of copper has reached its lowest point since the early 1970s.

grew 5.6 percent last year, in the first nine months of this year, copper consumption was higher than production, analysts have noted.





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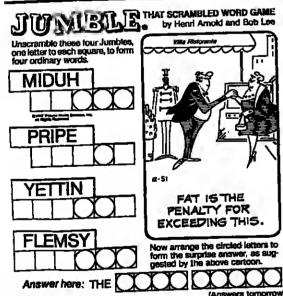
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FROM COPYRIGHT TO COPPER-FIELD: The Identity of Dickens By Alexander Welsh. Illustrated. 200 pages. \$25. Harvard University Press, 79 Garden Street, Cambridge, Mass. 02138.

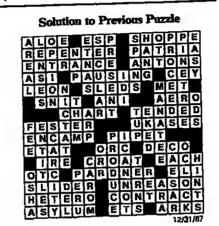
Reviewed by John Gross T UST after his 12th hirthday, Charles Dick-Jens was sent to work in a factory, where he labored at menial tasks for the next four or five months. The family finances were in a desperare state - less than two weeks later, his father was sent to prison for deht; but to the child, the experience came as an inexplicable blow. While it lasted, it seemed the end of all his

No episode in Dickens's life has been made more of by his modern critics and interpreters. They have seen it as inflicting scars that never wore off; and in doing so, as Alexander Welsh points out in "From Copyright to Copper-field," they are following a lead provided by Dickens himself.

For many years, the novelist treated his memories of heing banished to the factory as a shameful secret. Then, at the age of 35, he set them down in an autobiographical fragment he wrote for his friend John Forster, making clear the ineffaceable impact they had had. The fragment remained unpublished until after his death, when large sections of it were incorpo-rated in Forster's life of Dickens; but in the meantime, its contents had become familiar to his readers in fictionalized form, as part of the childhood experiences of David Copperfield.

That the ordeal had a lasting effect on Dickens's development, nobody could doubt. But adults develop as well as children, and Welsh's first aim in his highly original study has been 10 redress the balance, to draw attention away from the childhood trauma to the grown man's evolving self-awareness. What interests him most about the trauma, in fact, is why Dickens chose to disclose it when he did, and what form the disclosure took.

The period on which he concentrates, running from 1842 to 1850, represents the decisive middle stretch of Dickens's career. Before that, while he was still in his 20s, the novelist had produced five major novels in astonishingly quick succession: "The Pickwick Papers," "Ol-



iver Twist," "Nicholas Nickleby," "The Old Curiosity Shop," and "Barnaby Rudge," Then his career temporarily stalled, after which he went on to write "Martin Chuzzlewit," "Dombey and Son" and "David Copperfield."

With each of these three books, he took a notable step forward. They are more complex than the early work, more sophisticated, more

carefully planned. Can the breakthrough of the 1840s be clearly linked to any one episode in his life at the time? Welsh argues that it can, that what he calls the "beginning over again" began with the novel-ist's visit to the United States in 1842.

Dickens arrived in the United States with high hopes, but within less than three weeks he received a nasty joli. After speaking out on the need for an international copyright agreement, he came under violent attack, both in the press and in private. He was so shaken by this reception that he dropped the subject of international copyright, at least in public, and sub-sequently confined his efforts to taking part in collective political lobbying. But the experience. Weish argues, went much deeper than that. The jibes of his American critics, however unfair, touched him on the raw. Perhaps his motives really had been more mixed than he had dared to admit to himself. Perhaps the ambition that had driven him forward in his career was fundamentally at odds with the gospel of selflessness to which he subscribed.

These were doubts that bore creative fruit in "Martin Chuzzlewit." The unifying theme of that novel is, quite consciously, selfishness, and in the rich array of egoism that Dickens presents in its pages he reveals a keener moral insight than he had displayed in any of his previous books. Above all, he succeeds in fusing his newly acquired sense of duplicity with his extravagant comic energy in the character of Pecksniff.

Pecksniff is one of his greatest creations, and Welsh restores him to his rightful place at the center of "Martin Chuzzlewit" (Recent critical) cism, following Edmund Wilson, has tended to pay more attention to the murderous Jonas uzzlewit.) In the course of examining some of the book's other, easily overlooked subtleties. Welsh makes it clear how much Chuzzlewit owes to Dickens's reading of Molière's "Tartuffe" and of "Paradise Lost."

In "Dombey and Son," where the theme is pride rather than selfishness, Dickens shows an even more marked ability to enter imaginatively into feelings that he deplores. And once; again, or so Welsh maintains, he borrows from: an illustrious literary source — in this case, "King Lear" (which may sound rather far-fetched until you see some of the evidence-

Welsh puts forward). Welsh draws the threads together with a penetrating study of "David Copperfield." He sheds light on many different aspects of the novel, including some curiously neglected cor-ners, but his main thesis is that by this stage inhis career it wasn't enough for Dickens to celebrate a hero's rise in the world; he had to justify it as well.

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By Alan Truscott

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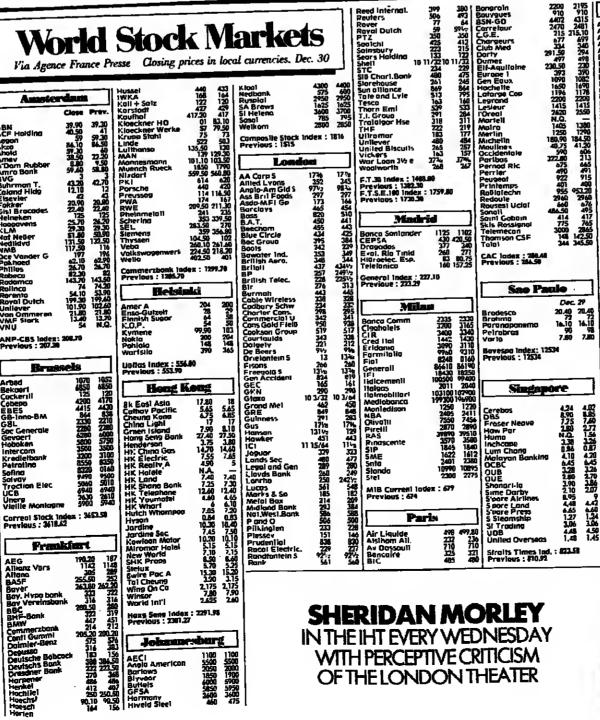
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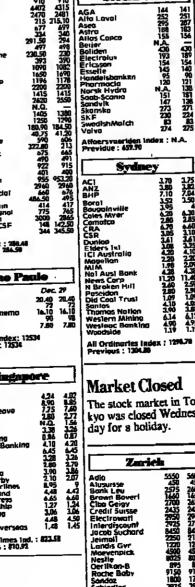
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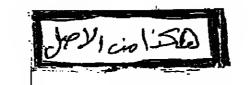
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Replacements everywhere, in the stands as well as on the field, during the NFL strike.

The Year of the Fan in U.S. Sports

NEW YORK - More than ever before, in 1987 The audience shared the sports stage with the

In the first indoor World Series, the Metro-dome's deafening decibels were as important to the Manesota Twins as Frank Viola's 4-2 victory in the seventh game. The Cardinals had swept three in St. Louis, but when the Twins emerged as the first learn ever to win its four home games, their time waved their white Homer Hankies and then

when their tears of happiness.

"We've seen a log of fans," Gary Gaetti, the Twins third baseman, told them later. "And they were good in St. Louis, but you blew em away."

At Super Row! XXI, the New York Giants dominated the Denver Broncos, 39-20, as Phil Simms completed 22 of 25 passes for 268 yards and three touchdowns. But the Giants, trailing by 10-9 atchalftime, appeared to have been inspired by a sing along with Frank Sinatra's recording of New York. New York by thousands of loyalists just before the second-half kickoff.

When the Los Angeles Lakers won the National Basketball Association championship, their most celebrated rooter, the actor Jack Nicholson, was on camera almost as much as Earvin Johnson.

During the National Football League strike, some fans joined the players on the picket line outside the stadioms to protest the "replacement"

games that were played.

And when Dwight Gooden strode to the Shea
Stadium mound for the first time after two months of rehabilitation from cocaine use, he was greeted by a standing ovation of hope and encouragement from the New York Mets parishioners in the coneregation of \$1,402.

The crowd was tremendous, it was great to hear

,those roars," Gooden said later. "The crowd turns you on, so you got to do it. You got to show your appreciation."

Gooden produced a 15-7 record last season. But. the Mets, with each of their other starting pitchers disabled at one time or another, never caught the Cardinals, who held ou despite the absence of their only slugger, Jack Clark, in the final month. Then the Cardinals rallied to win the last two games of

the San Francisco Giants, who finished first in the West for the first time since 1971.

During the 40th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's arrival as baseball's first black major-leaguer. his onetime teammate, Al Campanis, stunned the nation by saving that blacks lack the "necessities" to be managers and front-office executives. Campanis quickly resigned as the Dodger general manager and Commissioner Peter Ueberroth appointed Harry Edwards, a University of California professor, to hasten the hiring of minorities in

Don Mattingly, the Yankee first baseman, hit a homer in eight consecutive games, tying Dale Long's 1956 record, and hit six grand slams during the season, surpassing a major league record. But baseball drew a good deal of attention from the controversies involving the alleged but never prov-en "lively ball," the suspension of Billy Hatcher of the Astros for having used a corked bat, and the suspension of two pitchers: Joe Niekro of the Twins for having an emery board in his back pocket and Kevin Gross of the Phillies for having sandpaper in his glove.

The integrity of college football continued to be suspect. Southern Methodist University was banned from competing for two years after a National Collegiate Athletic Association investigation into various abuses. Ohio State dismissed Earle Bruce as coach after three consecutive losses even though he had an 81-26-1 career record. Columbia set a major college record for consecutive losses, 41, then acknowledged having admitted 11 players to its last two freshman classes who had not met minimum lyy League academic standards, in winning their third NBA title in six years, the

Lakers dethroned the Celtics in six games. Johnson, the Lakers' 6-foot-9 (2-meter) guard, was voted the most valuable player of both the regular season and the playoffs. Michael Jordan of the Bulls had a 37.1 scoring average. After a long search, the New York Knicks hired Al Bianchi as general manager and Rick Pitino as coach. Harry Weltman, who took over as the New Jersey Nets' general manager, recently dismissed Dave Wohl as

And Julius Erving of the Philadelphia 76ers slammed his last dunk, a retirement that was the National League Championship Series from celebrated throughoul the NBA

Of Rising Stars and Veterans 1987 Was the Year of Graf, Johnson, Leonard and Prost

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The 18-year-old West German

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of the year, including ber first Grand Slam triumph by beating

I in women's tennis.

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches Lewis of the United States, the LONDON - Veterans and oungsters alike flourished in 1987 sports as Steffi Graf gave women's tennis a fresb face at the top, Ben Johnson flashed into track history, Mike Tyson consolidated the heavyweight boxing titles and Alain Prost broke the

longevity record for race drivers. But while fans were electrified by performances that stretched athletes' endurance and perseverance, drugs continued to haunt sports. Fan violence clung to soc-cer, especially io Europe. And efforts to settle a dispute between North Korea and South Korea over staging next summer's Olym-pics reached a stalemate.

Johnson, a sprinter with a staggering start, turned a late-summer Sunday in Rome into one of those sports events that become magical with age.
In the men's 100-meter final at

the World Track and Field Championships, Johnson rocketed to a world-record 9.83 seconds. Carl

Martina Navratilova in the defending champion, matched French Open final. Navratilova, the old world mark of 9.93, but 31 and the top-ranked women's player the previous five years. "This record is the best ever in handed Graf ber only two defeats of the season, in the finals of Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. Johnson said. It was a drop of I percent in the world record time.

But that only temporarily incredible in a race so short and slowed Graf's march. She took equivalent to trimming 2.26 secover the No. 1 spot in late summer onds off the world mark for the and elinched the season title by beating Gabriela Sabatini of Ar-Edwin Moses had his 400-megentina in the championship match of the Virginia Slims Final ter hurdles streak ended at 122 victories by Danny Harris of the last month. United States at a Madrid meet. Navratilova was not the only And Said Aquita of Morocco es-

veteran women's player to have a tough year. Chris Evert failed to tablished three world records: at 2,000 meters. 5,000 meters and 2 win a Grand Slam title for the first time in 14 years and was eliminated in the first round of blazed their way to the top of track and field, Graf took the betthe Slims Final. Afterward, she said she was tired of being a tennis "gypsy" and, at 32 might be through as a full-time player.

Ivan Lendl retaiged the No. I spot in men's tennis, winning the French and U.S. opens. But he was sbocked in the Wimbledon final by a brash young Australian wearing a checkered hairband and a diamond earning. Pat Cash used a phenomenal service game to whip Lendl in straight sets. then clambered into the usually staid Centre Court stands to embrace his family and friends.

In boxing. Tyson was the top performer to a historic year.

Already the youngest heavyweight champion after knocking out Trevor Berbick for the World Boxing Council crown late last year, he decisioned James (Bonecrusher) Smith for the World Boxing Association belt. Then he united the three major beavyweight titles for the first time in nine years with a decision over the International Boxing Federation champ, Tony Tucker.

Sugar Ray Leonard returned from a virtual five-year absence to dethrone Marvelous Marvin Hagler as the world middleweight champion in a 12-round split decision. At 30, Leonard had been stirred as much by the almost unanimous opinion of boxing devotees that "they never come back" as by his obsession with defeating the 32-year-old Hagler.

"What people forgot," Leonard said later, "was that this was the first time that a young guy fought an old guy in a comeback." Golf, long dominated by Amer-

icans, returned to its European roots for champions. For the first time, the United States lost the Ryder Cup on its home soil, as a European team captained by Tony Jacklin retained the trophy



Steffi Graf rose to first place in women's tennis rankings.

A major record in auto racing fell when France's Prost won his 29th Formula One Grand Prix race, breaking the career mark set by Jackie Stewart. In another, slower form of rac-

ing, the America's Cup became America's again. Dennis Connor, who loss the cup in 1983, won it back as his Stars & Stripes deleated Australia's Kookaburra III off Fremantle, Australia.

The New Zealand All Blacks carned the title of rugby champions of the world. Before an adoring home crowd in Auckland, they defeated France, 29-9, in the final of rugby's first World Cup. In soccer, the French star Mi-

chel Platini, one of the great Enropean players, retired from play a month before his 32d birthday. Violence, on the field and in the stands, dogged soccer's heels.

A Cypriot goalkeeper was tem-porarily blinded when fans tossed a smoke bomb onto the field during a European championship qualifying match in the Nether-lands. In Scotland, about 40 people were injured when a canister of anti-riot gas was fired into the visiting crowd at a Premier Division match, and police arrested four players from another Scottish team on charges of inciting violence by on-field fights.

British authorities agreed to extradite 25 Liverpool fans to Belgium to face manslaughter charges in the 1985 Heysel Stadium riots, in which 39 people died. Trial on those charges is expected

early next year. International sports federations announced new steps to eliminate drug use. One of the strongest crackdowns came from the International Amateur Athletics Federation, track and field's governing body, which included automatic lifetime bans without appeal for repeat offenders.
North Korea and South Korea

were deadlocked over the North's demands to co-host the 1988 Olympics. In the first joint meeting on the demand in more than a year, the International Olympic Committee in July offered to add women's volleyball to an earlier list of four sports that would be moved to the North. The North said it also wanted the entire soccer tournament and later suggested direct talks with the South. Both requests were rejected.

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Georgia Wins Liberty Bowl on Last-Minute Goal

MEMPHIS. Tennessee — Geor-gia appeared headed for its third bowl deadlock in four years until

over Arkansas in the Liberty Bowl. Kasay's game-winning kick on Tuesday capped a 13-point Bulldog comeback that began when the

freshman kicker hit a 24-yard field fourth quarter. Kasay's two field goals were 1969 Sugar Bowl, 16-2, sandwiched around a 5-yard scor- 1976 Cotton Bowl, 31-10.

Kendall Trainor bad missed from minute decisions to Clemson and 35 yards away with 1:42 left in the Louisiana State during the regular The victory allowed Georgia, a

member of the Southeastern Con- contest.

as in the 1984 Cotton Bowl.

John Kasay connected on a 39-yard field goal as time expired to lift the Bulldogs to a 20-17 victory over Arkansas in the Libert Park game to Boston College in the 1986 Hall of Fame Bowl

The Bulldogs' victory also ended Arkansas's mastery of Georgia. Before Tuesday night Arkansas. goal on the opening play of the of the Southwest Conference, was 2-0 against Georgia, winning the 1969 Sugar Bowl. 16-2, and the

ing run by James Jackson and the Georgia's coach, Vince Dooley, wioning kick came after Arkansas's whose Bulldogs had dropped lastseasoo, said he was glad to finally be on the winning side of a close

tory since a 10-9 decision over Tex- game. We've lost games in the last second recently, so it's good to win one in the same way." Dooley said. After escaping disaster when Trainor missed with 1:42 left,

Georgia got yet another break. Arkansas, which finished the year 9-4, forced the Bulldogs to punt and wanted to mount a lastgasp drive from their own 40-yard

The Razorbacks' victory hopes were dashed quickly, however, as Georgia cornerback Carver Rus-

by Greg Thomas at the Arkansas player. 43 yard line. Four plays later Kasay sent the

suspended for the game by Dooley for breaking team rules.

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Kasay said he was ready for the pressure.

"You prepare for this in your mind for bours and hours," he said. "I knew the kick was good when I hit it. I could just feel it. It's a feeliog a kicker gets when he hits the ball good."

Georgia's comeback took some of the luster off the performance of the Razorbacks' Thomas, who was saw intercepted a first-down pass voted the game's most valuable

Thomas rusbed for 79 yards on 13 carries, scoring on runs of 10-Bulldogs home a Liberty Bowl win- and 1 yards, and completed seven passes for 86 yards.

Kasay, who had hit only one of two field goal attempts during the regular season, was given place-kicker duries for the Liberty Bowl

Arkansas's coach, Ken Hattaid, and the decision may have tuned on a bolding penalty that pushed his Razorbacks from field position. fereoce, to finish 9-3 for the season.

"I'm very proud of the way our lit was the Bulldogs' first bowl vic
"I'm very proud of the way our lice are came back and won the ball
after Steve Crumley, a junior, was at the Bulldog 5 to the 19-yand line.

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No Luck as a Free Agent, Morris Re-Signs With Tigers He crisscrossed the country last

NEW YORK — Jack Morris is year in his attempt to leave the returning to the Detroit Tigers. First he approached the again after finding no other teams. Minnesota Twins, who turned him wanted him as a free agent.
The Tigers confirmed Wednesday that Morris had reached agree- New York Yankees at a salary set ment on a new contract.

Morris, who won a \$1.85-million salary in arbitration after he re- Philadelphia Phillies, who also said turned to the American League Ti- no. gers last year, will receive \$1.988 Minutes before the deadline, in 1989, according to figures pub-salary arbitration and last Februlished in The New York Times.

Times said.

the 1980s, the most of any major key if n grievance is filed over this tract, an average of \$1.83 million. league pitcher, was 18-11 fast sea- year's free agents. The players aison. He is 162-105 in 11 years with ready have won a grievance over Cubs is next, averaging \$1.8 mithe Tigers.

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down Then, he offered to sign with the by an arbitrator and was turned down again. He next went to the

million in 1988 and \$1,989 million Morris accepted Detroit's offer of ary was awarded \$1.85 million, the He will receive 51 million of his highest award ever for a pitcher 1989 salary on Dec. 1, raising his and, at the time, the highest arbi-1988 income to \$2.988 million of tration award.

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est paid pitcher in the majors.

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To Return Medal Agence France Presse DENVER — Kerry Lynch of the United States who has admitted that he took as Hegal blood transfusion to help improve his performance at the World Nordic Skiing Champioghins in West Germany in February, has been sanctioned by the American Ski Federation and ordered to return his silver medal to the International Federa-

To date, Morris is the third high-Fernando Valenzuela of the Los

Lynch, 30, finished numer-up to Norway's Torbjorn Lokken in the combined event at Oberstdorf. Howard Peterson, the American Ski Federation secretary-general, has said Lynch was cooperative during the federation's investiga-

medal to the international Federa-

Lynch is hoping he can win a place on the U.S. team for the next Olympics when his suspension from competition is lifted on Jan. 1.

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What They Meant to Say

WASHINGTON — Many peo-ple said things in 1987 they now regret. This is what they should have said to avoid getting into so much trouble.

NANCY REAGAN (to Raisa Gorbachev) - "I'm all tied up this

week, so I'll leave the key under the doormat. If you want to see the house just go in and have a look around."

OLLIE NORTH - "I will have nothing to do with a covert operation which bypasses Congress and the State De-

Buchwald partment. I did not don a Marine uniform to sell arms to moderate

ADMIRAL POINDEXTER --"This information is too important for me to make a decision by myself. I'm going to have to show it to the president, and let him take the

GARY HART - "Everybody is making such a big deal of me being on the Monkey Business when it went to Bimini. What if I told you l

was seasick the entire time? IVAN BOESKY - "The only reason I dealt in inside information was to belp the Hopi Indians."

ARIZONA GOVERNOR ME-CHAM — "I have been accused of being a bigot and a racist. It's all ruhbish. When I tell a story about a Pullman car porter and a kosher hutcher who tried to steal a blanket from a drunken Mexican in a Polish neighborhood, I am paying honor to all nationalities and races who have made this country great."

JIM BAKKER — "Tammy and I intend to retire from the ministry and devote our lives to appearing on Ted Koppel's show."

'Peter Pan' Royalties End

LONDON - On New Year's Day, the copyright of "Peter Pan" expires - and with it the royalties that the author J.M. Barrie bequeathed to the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, stipulating that the exact amount must never be divulged.

JESSICA HAHN - "Wben Jimmy did these terrible things to me I cried my eyes out until this nice man from Playboy magazine drove me to his home and took beautiful pictures of me in the shower for which I received a generous fee.

SENATOR BIDEN - "Plagisrizing is a dirty business but somebody bas to do it."

JUDGE BORK - "In answer to the question, Senator, I am only required to give my name, rank and serial number.

JUDGE GINSBURG - "Freedom of speech doesn't give anyone the right to yell 'Grass!' in a crowded movie theater.

DONALD TRUMP — "I'm sick of my name and would change it to Hartpence tomorrow if it would help me sell condominiums." FAWN HALL — "Ollie liked to

see me shred confidential papers late at night, and that's why I never MIKHAIL GORBACHEV -

The next time President Reagan wants me to explain the hirthmark on top of my head I'm going to ask him what that stupid hearing aid is doing in his ear."

RONALD REAGAN - "I don't like pardons, but what else can I do for a team player whose only crime was that he broke the law?"

ED MEESE - "Some people prefer to attend football games. I'd rather appear before grand juries."

MIKE DEAVER - "I swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth so help me God. And I'd like to make that retroactive."

BORIS YELTSIN - "If I had to do glasnost all over again I'd drop all references to Mr. Big."

KURT WALDHEIM - "The only thing I did when I was an officer for the Third Reich was drive an ambulance distributing hlood to Yugoslav partisans and candy to Greek children."

POPE JOHN PAUL II - "Mr. Waldheim, I think you have the wrong pope.

JOHN McENROE - "I believe in fining unruly tennis players because it gives the rest of us a chance to play the game the way gentlemen are supposed to play it.

Putting a Tiger Into Chinese Filmmaking

By Edward A. Gargan New York Times Service

IAN, China - One day in A October 1983. Wu Tianming walked onto the stage of the Xian Film Studio auditorium and looked out over the 4,000 faces that he was to manage as the new studio chief. This is what be told them:

This is the largest film studio in the country. Last year the Xian Film Studio produced more movies than any other film studio in the country. However, the Xian Film Studio did not have a single movie on the list of the world's 10 best movies. Instead, on the list of the world's seven worst movies, three of them were ours. Isn't this disgraceful? Of course it's disgraceful. When you walk down the street with a round metal film canister, you are embarrassed to let anyone glimpse the lettering on the can for fear they will know that you belong to this studio."

Since that day, Wu, an intense, compactly huilt chain smoker, has transformed the Xian studio into a haven for China's most daring and innovative filmmakers, a place where the abstract is more apparent than the tired didacticism of most Chinese movies. The heroic fighters of the Red Army don't storm the redoubts of reactionary lackeys here. It has not, Wu declares, been an easy

"It took me a month to figure out the problems of this place," he said, slouching in a red velveteen-covered armchair during a recent interview. "The main problem was the quality of the workers. Only 8 percent of the workers had college degrees and only 11 percent were secondary-school graduates. Half the people here didn't know how to read or write. If you don't have people with any cul-

ture, how can you expect to make

films?

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"The other hig problem was that the administration of the studio was terrible. Eating from one hig pot made everybody lazy."
"To eat from one pot," an expression that bas come to characterize the debilitating effect of socialist egalitarianism, refers to the idea that everybody eats whether they work or not. "The working style of the employees," Wu noted with



Xian studio chief Wu: "This is the time for China to produce great creations."

pronounced edge of sarcasm, was quite relaxed."

Over the resistance of the entrenched Communist Party bureaucrats in the studio and the lethargy of the work force, Wu began to rebuild the studio. Employees were sent back to high hool and some to college. English courses were instituted. We steeped himself and his

leading directors, actors and film crews in the ways of northwest China, the gullied and terraced Loess Plateau that has become the canvas for his cinematogra-

"We organized trips up the Yel-low River." Wu explained. "We had more than 10 actors and directors in the first batch. They saw some of the best parts of Chinese culture and they saw lots of hackward parts of China."

The desolate poverty of this northern steppe formed the backdrop for "Yellow Earth," a movie hy the young director Chen Kaige about the meeting of rural society and the ideology of guerrilla com-munism in the late 1930s. The

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release of the movie in Hong Kong in March 1985 was hailed by foreign critics as the blossoming of a new age of Chinese films and the emergence of the socalled "fifth generation" of filmmakers, a group of young direc-tors trained in Beijing after the Cultural Revolution. At the same time, the film was denounced hy the cultural hureaucrats of Beijing, who complained that it glorified ignorance and poverty, that it demeaned the "revolutionary ar-

The new generation of directors has gravitated to the Xian Studio, drawn hy the sturdy determination of the 48-year-old Wu that good films are made by directors who have the freedom to experiment, to challenge the orthodoxy that has so long regulated the arts in China and, perhaps

dor" of the era, that it was, in the

final analysis, too hard to under-

more importantly, even to fail. "Some Chinese criticize us," Wu said. "They think that films like 'In the Wild Mountains' and The Old Well' win praise in inter-

national film festivals because some foreigners relish the depiction of backwardness in the nurthwest. This is a misunderstanding. We reflect the things of this region, not to show backwardness per se, but to show what sort of burdens the people of the northwest bear, what sort of difficulties they face. Both "In the Wild Mountains,"

directed by the young filmmaker Yan Xueshu, and "The Old Well," directed by Wu, broadly treat the manner in which the stoic, almost petrified social culture of the northwest responds to the influence of the world beyond the village, beyond the confines of a single valley. Both films focus intensely on individual emotions and behavior, not in a formulaie or stultified fashion, but by capturing the mosaic of rural life, its gruffness, its preoccupation with the quotidien, and, most troubling to Communist critics, its si-

A recent Xian film, "The Horse Thief," depieting the expulsion of a Tibetan from his nomadic village for stealing horses contains almost no sustained dialogue -just the clipped exchanges of do-mestic life. The film's very abstractness ensured that it would never be released for Chinese audiences, Instead, the film, a cinematographically vibrant collage of the Tibetan highlands, was circulated to film societies abroad. "We only made 14 copies of 'The Horse Thiel,' "Wu said. "That's almost nothing. With most movies, we make more than 700

No film can be released in China without being cleared by the film review board in Beijing, the government agency that rules on what movies can be shown in public. The agency also can order changes in movies, as it has with many Xian Studio productions.

"Everything is done by the whim of a few individuals," Wu said. "It's the attitude of the highest official that counts.

"We have had setbacks," he continued. Several recent films have been modified at the direction of the review board, he said, including Chen Kaige's "Big Parade," a movie about a parade drill team, "In the Wild Mountains" and Huang Jianxin's "Black Cannon Incident," a pic-ture that explores the psyche of traditional China through an incident in a modern engineering pro-

Nonetheless, he is confident that his vision, and that of his directors, will persevere

"In recent years China has changed," be said. "There is greater freedom in literature and art. This is the time for China to produce great creations. Only by giving these directors greater creative freedom can they produce better films, by not telling them what to do. There is a saying in Chinese, 'If there is no tiger in the mountains, the monkey will be king.' These young directors will be our kings.

He is not dismayed by the crities in the Chinese press who assail his work as incomprehensible, or worse, polinically suspect. "I'm extremely happy about bad reviews," he said, a wicked grin skewering his face. "If a film prompts people to criticize it, then it means they're paying at-

PEOPLE

An Inspiring List of 10, Well, Actually 9, People

Pope John Paul II and Elizabet Taylor head a list of the year's "10" Most Inspiring People" in the Mil. group formed in 1979 by Yale University students to mark the year 2000, only voted for nine people. The 10th is the U.S. Constitution. The other people are the Nobel cace Prize winner Oscar Arias, the tiger Paul Simon, the hastrative yer Julius Research player Julius Erving, the oceanographer Jacques Cousteau, the Harem charity worker Mother Hale the Canadian runner Rick Hansen and Jessica McClure, the toddler rescued from a Texas well.

Art Blakey, Lionel Hampton agr. Billy Taylor have been awarded National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Masters Fellowships for their contributions to jazz in the African American tradition. They each will receive \$20,000 to support a project of their choice.

The rock star Prince is throwing an invitation-only New Year's Eve concert and party to raise money lor Minnesota's homeless. Three hundred people are being invited to the \$200-a-plate bash, a Prince publicist said Tuesday. It will be held at Prince's new Paisley Park studio in Chanhassen, Minnesota a suburb of Minneapolis. Proceeds will go to the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless.

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Gerald D. Crowley, who rescued a police officer from attackers, said he is splitting a \$2,500 Carnegie Hero grant with the officer. "I helped someone this one time and I'm getting all the awards. He hasn't gotten anything and he does this every day," said Crowley, who was among 112 Americans and Canadians to receive the award this year. He was honored last week with the grant and a bronze medal for helping David Poole of Holyoke, Massachusetts, in a May 1986 scuffle at an amusement park. A crowd had surrounded Poole and was shouting "Kill the pig!" when Crowley tackled a 200-pound man who tried to take Poole's gun fromhis holster. The assailant escaped. and tried to run over Crowley with a car. Another attacker was arrived after Crowley tackled him. Box were sentenced for beating Poole.

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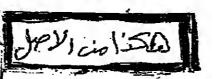
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